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WING ON CASE.

ASSISTANT CASHIER'S ADMISSION.

COURT SENSATION.

The case in which Au Kim-lui and Lam Fook-yu are charged with conspiracy to defraud the Wing On Company of a sum of \$50,000, and in which the first defendant was also charged with perjury in connection with a civil action which he previously instituted to obtain this sum from the Company, was resumed before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Something of a sensation occurred towards the end of the morning's hearing when Mr. Elsiey Zeitlyn was cross-examining the assistant cashier.

Mr. Zeitlyn asked witness if he had ever handed out large sums of money on forged documents prior to the present case.

In reply, witness admitted that it was so, and said that he would put the sums at between \$20,000 and \$30,000 in all.

FALSE STATEMENT.

Mr. Zeitlyn:—Why did you deny this very same question when it was put to you at the Magistrate's? Witness:—I made the false statement because I had been told by the Company to keep the matter secret.

Mr. Zeitlyn reminded witness that he was on oath at the Magistrate's, and witness said that as he was an employee of the Company, he was obliged to follow instructions.

Mr. Zeitlyn pressed witness for the name of the man who gave him the instruction, and after some hesitation, he said that he was told to say nothing by Mr. Gock Gon-fun.

He told Mr. Zeitlyn, in answer to further questions, that he and the cashier were held responsible for the first losses, but they were not personally responsible for the \$50,000 concerned in the present case. He had been reprimanded and told to be more careful.

Mr. Zeitlyn:—Are you absolutely certain?—Yes.

Have you always been?—Yes. Then how do you account for the fact that at the Magistrate's you were not sure as to what transpired between you and the managers? Witness:—I know now.

DEPOSIT BOOKS.

Questions relative to the procedure involved in the opening of a depositor's account in the banking department were put by Mr. Elsiey Zeitlyn in his cross-examination of the assistant cashier, Kwok, and counsel sought to learn from witness the whereabouts of one or more deposit books of which the label did not show the name of the depositor. It was suggested that these unutilized books, showing a departure from a regular practice, were included in bundles of specimen deposit books produced by witness in investigations by the solicitors and counsel in the case, on the 27th March, and Mr. Zeitlyn now called upon witness to produce these unutilized books.

Mr. Jenkin interposed with the statement that specimen cancelled deposit books were produced in bundles, in serial numbers on that occasion and he handed these over to Mr. Zeitlyn.

Mr. Zeitlyn:—I want those deposit books without the names of the depositors on the labels. It is not satisfactory for my friend to say: "There you are, Mr. Zeitlyn."

NO UNUTILIZED BOOKS.

Mr. Jenkin said that there were no unutilized deposit books, and he could not produce them.

Mr. Zeitlyn:—I put it to witness yesterday upon explicit instructions, and upon information, that on the 26th March there were shown to the solicitors engaged in the case a series of deposit books (Continued on Page 7).

WEST RIVER BANDIT EVIL.

SEVEN HUNDRED HOUSES BURNT.

EXTENSIVE RAIDS.

Reports to hand from Canton indicate that the next big band of brigands singled out for attack by the authorities is that which has its stronghold in what is known as "The Caye of Seven Stars," which is situated on the boundary of the three districts of Fung Chuen, Hoi Kin and Wai Chup, in the upper reaches of the West River.

This band has long been a source of terror to the inhabitants, and the latest report of its activities states that for five consecutive nights it carried out raids in villages of the Fung Chuen districts, with the result that some 700 houses were burned down, 169 people killed, 48 women and girls kidnapped, over 200 buffaloes taken away and more than a lakh's worth of jewellery and clothing stolen.

The bandits have also carried out an attack at Lao Yuen, which place, however, is quite strongly defended. However, the brigands kidnapped over 70 people and took away some 150 buffaloes. The resistance put up by the inhabitants, however, enabled them to preserve their homes intact, although fears are expressed that the bandits may again visit the place.

CHINESE DROWNED.

FATAL FALL FROM LIGHTER.

A mishap alongside the Talkoo Sugar Refinery's wharf resulted in the death of a Chinese by drowning.

The coxswain of lighter No. 7, owned by the Company, has reported that as the lighter was moored alongside the wharf, he heard someone shout out "man overboard." He stepped on deck, and saw one of the foks struggling in the water. A rope was thrown to him, but he failed to get hold of it and sank. From enquiries it appeared that the man was sitting in the stern of the lighter when he overbalanced and fell into the water, being quickly carried away by the strong current.

LOCAL FIRE.

PART OF BUILDING GUTTED.

The third floor at 162, Wellington Street, was completely gutted by fire early this morning. Luckily the occupants, who were Chinese, escaped, and there were no casualties.

The second floor, which is used as a Chinese restaurant, was damaged by fire, and the ground and first floors by water. It is understood that the building was insured for \$4,000.

PACIFYING SYRIA.

BRITISH AND FRENCH COLLABORATION.

Paris, April 22. According to the *Petit Journal*, M. Briand, in addressing the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, explained that there was complete understanding and collaboration between M. de Jouvenel and Field Marshal Lord Plumer. The combined operations were well in hand and peace in Syria could be expected in the near future.—*Reuter*.

CANTON CHANGES.

GOVERNMENT LEADER SEEKS LEAVE.

LATEST MOVES.

A report has been circulating in Canton to the effect that Mr. Chan Kung-pok, one of the most active members of the left section of the Kuomintang, has sent in his application for two weeks' leave of absence, and that he has not been at his office since.

At the present juncture, when the two sections of the Kuomintang are busy in connection with the coming contest to be held on 15th May, for the election of the Executive Committee of the Government, the news of Mr. Chan Kung-pok's application for leave of absence, has given rise to considerable speculation in political circles in Canton. It is a well-known fact that he and Mr. Kum Nai-kyong are the mainstays of the left wing of the Kuomintang, and are close supporters of Mr. Wang Ching-wai. It is no secret that these two have been directing the movements for the election campaign, in accordance with Mr. Wang Ching-wai's instructions. As a counter-move against General Chang Kai-shek's successful appeal to the Young Soldiers' Union to close the Union voluntarily, these two leaders formed another union called the New Students' Society. However, the Society of Sun Yat-senism, in view of Messrs. Chan and Kum's partiality to the new Students' Society, in allowing them to hold a mass meeting of students at the Canton University, and prohibiting the former Society to do the same, has demanded from the Government the impeachment of these two leaders. It is reported that hundreds of members of the Society of Sun Yat-senism visited Government House to make this demand, and that it was only through the offices of Madame Liu Chung-hoi that they consented to withdraw.

It is surmised that the application for leave of absence by Mr. Chan Kung-pok is due to the action of the Society of Sun Yat-senism. From another quarter it is stated that the consensus of opinion is that the sudden leave of Mr. Chan Kung-pok presages new developments in the political situation in Canton.

PRISONER'S SMOKE.

FINE FOR PROVIDING MATCHES.

During the hearing, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, of the usual weekly summonses for obstruction, an Indian constable on duty in the cells below the court, laid a complaint before Mr. J. H. B. Nicholl to the effect that a friend of one of the prisoners attempted to throw a box of matches to the latter.

The prisoner concerned had been previously convicted on a charge of gambling and had in his possession a packet of cigarettes. Not having any matches, the prisoner, on seeing a friend pass the door of the cells, requested the latter to oblige him with a match.

Though the constable's intention was an entirely innocent one, he was arrested and brought before the Magistrate, charged with violating the prison regulations.

A fine of \$5, with the alternative of seven days' hard labour in default, was imposed.

CANTON'S UNSETTLED STRIKES.

AN ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION.

PUBLIC ANXIETY.

Continued trouble because of the failure to settle a number of strikes is causing considerable apprehension in Canton at present. Disputes between employers and employees in the piece goods, sewing machine, tinkers, Chinese and foreign shoemakers, and other lines of business are still unsettled. Such settlements as the authorities have been able to make are only palliative in character and a recurrence of the trouble crops up on the least pretext. This state of affairs has existed since the formation of the Strike Union. The Government at Canton is based on party rule, and therefore the Kuomintang is really the

BRITAIN AND CHINA.

No Arrangement With Either Party.

London, April 22. In the House of Commons, Mr. R. O. Wallhead (Labour) asked if the Government had approached or entered into an agreement with either of the parties engaged in civil war in China in the event of either of them occupying Peking, as to the future Government of China or its future foreign policy. Mr. Locker Lampson replied in the negative.—*Reuter*.

dominant element. The Central Executive Committee, whose members are elected from the delegates sent to sit at the sessions of the General Meeting of the Kuomintang, which, according to its constitution, is held every two years. From this Central Party Committee, whose membership is from twenty-five to thirty in number, there are formed the Central Executive Committee, the Central Consensus Committee and the Central Secretariat Committee. These three committees are the principal functionary organisations of the Kuomintang. As to the Government, it takes its origin and

PEKING OUTLOOK.

Three Generals Arrive.

Peking, April 22. Generals Chang Hsueh-liang, Chang Tsung-chang and Li Ching-lin entered Peking this morning.

Marshal Wu Pei-fu's representatives are expected shortly, after which a conference will be held for the purpose of discussing outstanding questions.—*Reuter*.

Marshal Wu Pei-fu telegraphed to the Committee of Safety again to-day insisting on the appointment of Wang Huai-cheng as Garrison Commandant, which post Chang Tsung-chang, as the nominee of Wang Han-min, has taken over. Wang Huai-cheng is still in Peking.

At a meeting to-day, Wang Shih-chon's Committee of Safety resolved to parry on indefinitely.

Marshal Chang Tso-jin has offered to supply large quantities of grain to Peking, where the shortage is causing anxiety. It is reported that Marshal Chang will shortly visit Peking.—*Reuter*.

receives its power from the Central Party Committee, from whose members are chosen three similar Committees but with the words "Nationalist Government" added to the titles.

A new situation was created by the formation of the Strike Committee, which, by the efforts of the extreme elements, was made into an extra-functionary body, being created by the Central Party Committee, which is on an equal standing with the other three committees, but its powers limited only to strike matters.

YPRES PARADE.

SMART TURN-OUT BY SURREYS.

SILVER DRUM GIFT.

On the occasion of the anniversary of the Second Battle of Ypres, during which the 1st Batt. East Surreys Regiment were entrusted with the defence of Hill 60, an engagement which forms one of the most brilliant episodes in the history of the Regiment, and a day rendered more appropriate since it is St. George's Day, a special ceremonial parade of the battalion was held on the Murray Barracks ground this morning, when an inspection was made by Major Gen. C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., and silver drums were presented to the battalion by Mrs. Luard.

Seldom has Hongkong had an opportunity of witnessing a more impressive spectacle. The men were formed into three sides of a square with the regimental colours occupying the centre position, and the turn-out was exceedingly smart.

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) arrived shortly after 10.30 and was accorded the Royal Salute.

The ceremony of trooping the old drums having been completed, the silver drums were consecrated by the Chaplain to the Forces, Lieut. Col. F. Montague Bates, C.M.G., D.S.O., addressing the battalion said that the drums had been purchased by the officers of the battalion from a bequest of the late Mrs. Walker, whose son was an officer in the Regiment in 1894 and who died at Agra in that year as the result of an epidemic which carried off 5 officers and 35 men.

The drums were the property of the officers and would be kept at the officers' quarters and would be used by the battalion on ceremonial occasions.

Speaking of the Second Battle of Ypres, in the course of which the battalion lost fifteen officers (including the Commanding Officer, Major R. W. Paterson) and 264 other ranks, Col. Montague Bates said the battalion worthily upheld all the traditions of the regiment. They behaved with conspicuous gallantry and afterwards were awarded three V.C.'s and many other decorations. The drums were then presented by Mrs. Luard and a drum salute given.

Major Gen. Luard, addressing the battalion, congratulated them on a splendid turn-out. It was, he said, one of the best he had had the pleasure of seeing.

His Excellency then referred to a pleasant duty which he was to perform that of decorating Sergt. Drummer French with the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. To gain that medal a man must have at least eighteen years' service with the colours, and his conduct during that time must be irreproachable. There were present many young soldiers who could and should endeavour to emulate the example of Sergt. Drummer French.

Gen. Luard having decorated Sergt. French, the battalion marched past in column of route.

HOME AGRICULTURE.

REPRESENTED ON IMPERIAL COMMITTEE.

Rugby, April 22. It is announced that His Majesty's Government have proposed and the other Governments concerned have agreed, that an additional member shall be appointed by His Majesty's Government to the Imperial Economic Committee, as a representative of Home agricultural interests.

In accordance with this arrangement the Prime Minister has appointed Mr. F. N. Blundell, M. P. to be the additional representative of the Home Government on the Imperial Economic Committee. Mr. Blundell is a prominent agricultural expert.—*Reuter*.

SERIOUS SHOOTING AFFRAY.

ONE KILLED AND THREE INJURED.

STRAITS FACTION FIGHT.

A wild exchange of shots during a faction fight between rival gangs of Cantonese at the junction of Albert Street and Selegie Road, Singapore, last week, resulted in the killing of an innocent bystander and the wounding of three others, including a little Chinese girl. The scene of the affray was only a few hundred yards from the Kandang Kerbau Police Station, but in the confusion that followed no arrests were effected. The Detective Branch, however, are making enquiries into the affair and the same night Inspector King effected the arrest of a Chinese in a chandu shop in Middle Road with a pistol and ammunition in his possession, but whether or not this was in connection with the same affair, is not definitely known.

According to eye-witnesses of the incident, more than a dozen shots were fired, and in all, about twenty men took part. It is a curious fact, and one which seems to indicate that the shooting must have been very wild and that the whole thing probably lasted only a few minutes, that none of the assailants appear to have been hit, but four bystanders were injured by the bullets, one of them, an Indian, being killed on the spot. The others were two Indians and a Chinese girl, eleven years of age. They are in hospital suffering from bullet wounds.

MOTOR MISHAPS.

A KOWLOON INCIDENT.

As Mrs. Geldart, of 4, Torrens Buildings, Kowloon, was driving motor car No. 2017 in Coronation Road, a Chinese girl, aged about thirteen, ran out from behind a bus and was struck by the car. Mrs. Geldart removed her to the Kowloon Hospital, where it was found that she was suffering from facial injuries. She was later taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital. On making enquiries, the police found that the girl had left the Hospital after receiving treatment.

Two ricksha drivers have been sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital with injuries received when motor bus 1190 ran into them at Gascoigne Road. The driver of the bus has been detained.

ECONOMY BILL.

PASSES THIRD READING.

London, April 22. The House of Commons by 328 votes to 138 has agreed to the third reading of the Economy Bill, after speeches by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and Mr. Lloyd George condemning the proposals of the Bill to take \$4,700,000 from the National Insurance Fund and to economise on education.

Mr. Winston Churchill, in reply, declared that the Government's proposals were justified. He pointed out that this year's estimates provided for \$2,000,000 more for education than did the Labour Government in 1924.—*Reuter*.

SUSPENSION ENDS.

LABOUR MEMBERS RESUME SEATS.

London, April 22. The thirteen Labour Members who were suspended last week have resumed their seats in the House of Commons, on the Automatic lapse of the period of suspension, which in the case of a first offence is fourteen days.

COAL CRISIS.

VITAL DIFFERENCES DISCLOSED.

PREMIER'S ACTION.

London, April 22.

Mr. Lee, Secretary of the Mining Association, in a statement as regards the break up of the conference between the owners and the miners, says the miners made it clear that they were not prepared to negotiate except on the basis of a uniform national percentage. The owners said they did not want to reduce wages but some districts, especially the exporting ones, were in desperate straits owing to competitive conditions obtaining abroad. This was really the crux of the whole position. The miners were quite adamant on the question of no extension of hours.

It is authoritatively learnt that the Prime Minister has re-emphasised to the owners, that the subsidy will terminate on May 1st. To what extent there will be "temporary assistance" will entirely depend on the situation arising from the present negotiations. It is anticipated that the Government will now intervene and summon the two parties together as last July.—*Reuter*.

CONFLICTING VIEWPOINTS.

Rugby, April 22.

The coal owners and Miners' Executive met to-day, but the conference ended in a deadlock. Subsequently, statements were issued by both sides. Mr. Cook, Secretary of the Miners' Federation, said the "coal owners reiterated clearly and definitely, that while they were prepared to discuss certain principles to govern agreements, wages must be based upon the economic capacity of the districts to pay. They definitely declared that they would not discuss with our National Executive any minimum percentages to be applied nationally and, as this is the principle, which our Delegate Conference imposed upon us, we could not consider their draft agreement."

Mr. Lee, Secretary of the Coal-owners' Executive, stated that the "Meeting between the owners and miners was called in order to discuss terms of a national agreement, and provisionally determining the general principles for the regulation of wages, but we were not able to get down to a discussion of the agreement because the miners' representatives made it quite clear that they were not prepared to negotiate for these terms except on the basis of a uniform national percentage and that, too, in spite of the recommendations of the Royal Commission. The owners said they could not possibly agree to that. On the other hand, the miners further made it clear that they stood on the ground of no reduction in wages of any kind. The owners mentioned the question of hours and pointed out that they could much more favourably discuss terms that would give the men a chance of earning decent wages if the miners consented to an extension of working hours. We told the miners' representatives that it was not because the owners wanted to reduce wages that they were anxious to see an extension of working hours, but we emphasised the fact that some districts, particularly the exporting districts, are really in desperate straits in competition with countries, where longer hours are being worked and where the men are accepting lower wages, and that it is that element which is the crux of the whole situation at the present moment. Miners have never been adamant on the question of hours."



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Bright Prospects.

The second annual meeting of the Simplex Plaster Company, Limited, was held in the Company's offices yesterday afternoon, the chair being occupied by Mr. C. E. H. Beavis, who was supported by Messrs. Chan Pek-chun, Chau Yue-teng, C. B. Shank and E. D. Shank (Directors). Other present included Messrs. B. Montague Ede, Chung Chi-nam, Yik Tat-ting and A. R. F. Raven (shareholders).

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said:

Gentlemen,—Before proceeding to the business of the Meeting, I should like to recall the great loss the Company has suffered, since the last Annual Meeting, in the death of the late Mr. C. Montague Ede. Mr. Ede was well known to us all and as you are aware, took a great interest and an active part in the Company's operations, and we were greatly indebted to him for his advice and ready assistance at all times in the numerous matters requiring attention and experience in connection with the early development of the Company.

The report of the Directors and statement of Accounts have been in your possession for the stipulated time, and I shall, with your permission, take them as read.

Depressed Conditions.

Your Directors regret that the results of the year's working have not been favourable. The adverse balance has been caused principally by the depressed trade conditions prevailing in the Colony during the period in review, which have interrupted the Company's operations for an extensive period of time. With continued operations it is possible for the plant to produce at economical costs, but when the plant is closed down for any period as happened last year, it is only natural that the cost of production should largely increase. During a certain portion of the period under consideration, production costs mounted up to a figure higher than the market price of the product and as the market prices were definitely established, some could not be adjusted to meet increased production costs.

Experience has now shown that the Company's plant is not established on an economical basis in regard to production as may be desired and achieved, and your Directors have recently been considering and have approved of suggestions made by the General Managers for increasing the capacity of the mill by installing an 8' x 8' Calciner in addition to the existing Calciner, also by increasing the power, and by adding certain other units which will be necessary for achieving the object in view. Your Directors feel justified in making these additions as the increase in demands for Gypsum Products by the Company's agents makes it difficult at times for the Company to fill export orders promptly. At the present time the mill is working night and day to come with orders that have recently been placed.

In addition increased production will greatly reduce the cost of the finished product as the larger plant can be operated with very little additional overhead expense.

Plaster Board.

Since the last general meeting equipment has been installed in the Mill for the manufacture of plaster board, which is becoming more and more popular in this market. The present capacity of the plaster board machinery is 5,000 square feet per day, which is sufficient to supply existing demands at the present time. I might state that a large proportion of the adverse balance shown on the Balance Sheet has been occasioned by such improvements and alterations to the machinery as have been found

FAMOUS SINGER.

MR. JOHN McCORMACK COMING TO HONGKONG.

Shanghai, April 22.

The famous singer, Mr. John McCormack had a tremendous reception from a crowded audience in the town hall last night.

He subsequently visits Hongkong, and later Japan, and possibly Peking and Tientsin.—*Reuter.*

A MAHARAJAH'S GIFT.

TOWARDS THE FRENCH FREEWILL FUND.

Paris, April 22.

The Maharajah of Kapurthala has given 50,000 francs to the fund for the improvement of the franc.—*Havas.*

COAL DEADLOCK.

London, April 22.

The conference of coalowners and miners has completely broken down.—*Reuter.*

necessary in order to increase the efficiency of the plant.

There is a considerable amount of prospective business which the Company may hope to obtain in the Colony, and I am happy to be able to inform you that the General Managers have just secured the contract for the internal plaster work in the Peninsula Hotel, which means that the Company will supply all the plaster board used in connection with this building. This order, with the existing local orders on which the Company is now engaged, together with an increasing export business, justify me in taking an optimistic view of the present prospects of the Company.

Pioneering.

It must, of course, be borne in mind that this Company is the pioneer in the manufacture of Gypsum products in this part of the world, and in the case of all pioneering projects a lean period must be expected during the early stages of the development, until the manufacture gets known and finds its various markets. We have been passing through such a period and have in addition had to face the general dislocation of business to which the Colony has been subject during the year under review. However, in view of the business which is coming forward and the enquiries which are being made for the Company's products there is good reason to believe that the Company is now making quite satisfactory progress.

In view of the state of the Balance Sheet your Directors have waived their fees for last year. Furthermore, the General Managers have agreed to defer the payment of a proportion of the fees due to them as General Managers until the Company is in a position to declare a dividend. This action on the part of the Directors and General Managers will, I feel sure, be appreciated by you.

I think I have now touched upon all the matters on which you may require information and I now beg to propose that the Report and Accounts as presented be adopted and passed. When this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions you may wish to ask.

Mr. Chau Yue-teng seconded and the resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr. C. B. Shank moved that Mr. Wong Kwok-shuen and Mr. Chau Yue-teng, be re-elected Directors of the Company.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Chan Pek-chun and carried unanimously.

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. E. D. Shank, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, were re-elected Auditors of the Company.

There being no further business, this concluded the meeting.

"STEPHEN'S" BUILDING SOLD.

OTHER LOTS OF STEPHEN'S ESTATE DISPOSED OF.

Present Proceeds \$1,700,000.

"Stephen's" Building, that in which the Fire Brigade now has its headquarters has been sold. It is understood. The buyers are Messrs. S. J. David and Company. This building is part of the estate of the late Mr. M. J. D. Stephen the well-known solicitor.

It will be recalled that some time ago Messrs. Deacons offered many lots belonging to the estate for sale by private treaty. It is anticipated that they will probably fetch a sum in the region of \$5,000,000.

To date, a number of lots have been sold to the total value of \$1,719,200. The properties disposed of for this sum are—"Stephens" Buildings, 9,200 square feet. Nos. 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 35, 37a, 37b, 38, 38a, 39 and 40, Connaught Road Central. This means that all the Connaught Road property owned by the estate has been sold excepting three houses, viz., Nos. 21, 22 and 23.

Messrs. Watson's Among Purchasers.

Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd., are stated to have become the owners of the four houses hitherto occupied by their aerated water town office, comprising department, etc., along the waterfront, just beyond the Pottinger Street junction. Other lots sold are No. 9, Shelly Street. No. 9, Mountain View, the Peak. Nos. 147 and 149, Shanghai Street (now numbered 255 and 257) Yaumati. Nos. 132, 134 and 136, Reclamation Street, Yaumati. Kowloon Island Lot No. 422—2,375 sq. ft. Nos. 331, 333, 335, Shanghai Street (now numbered 439, 441 and 443), Mongkoktsui. Nos. 531, 533, 535, 537, 557, 559, 561, 563, 647, 649 and 651, Shanghai Street (these are "new" numbers) Mongkoktsui. The detailed prices have not been divulged as yet.

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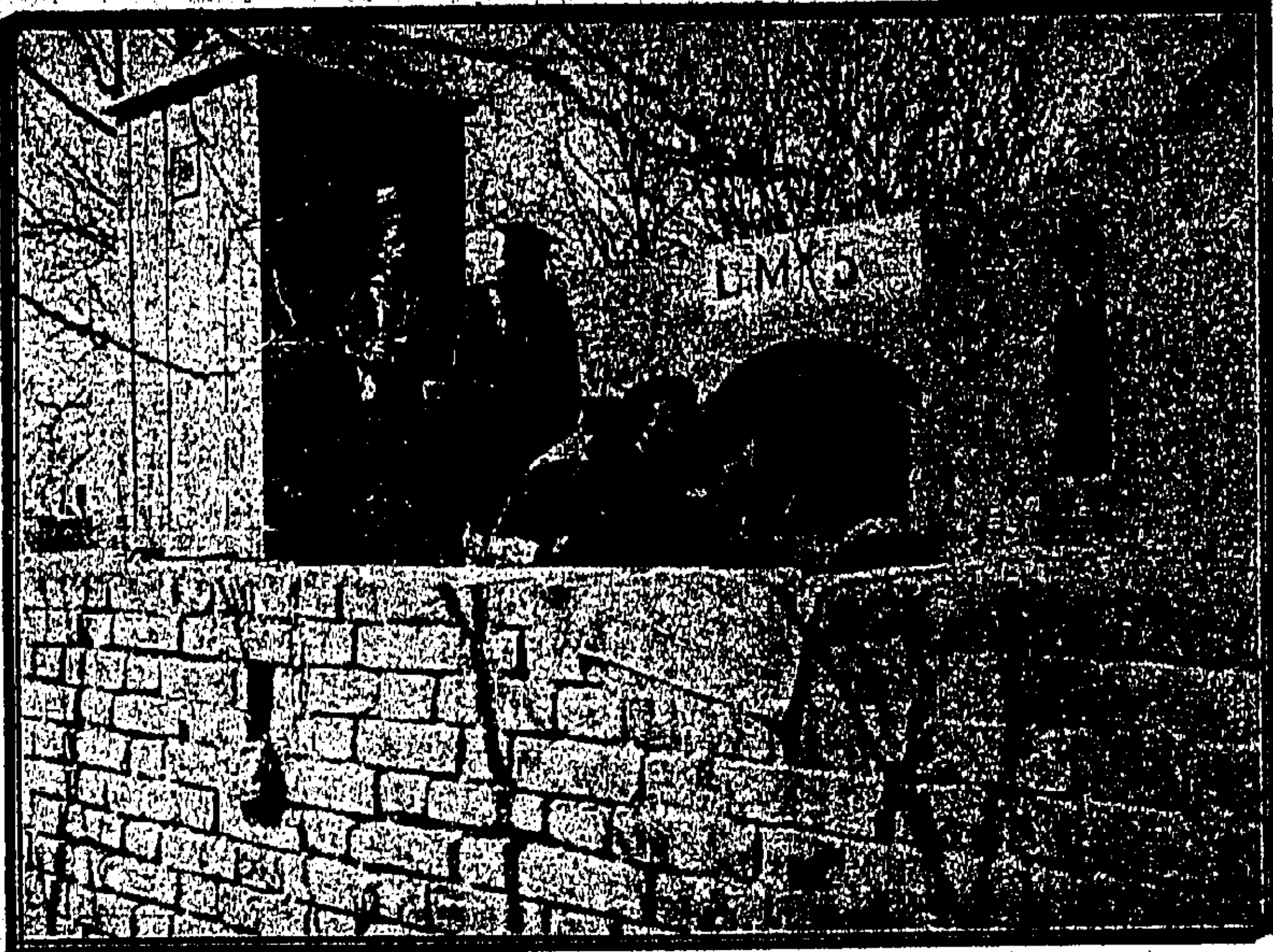
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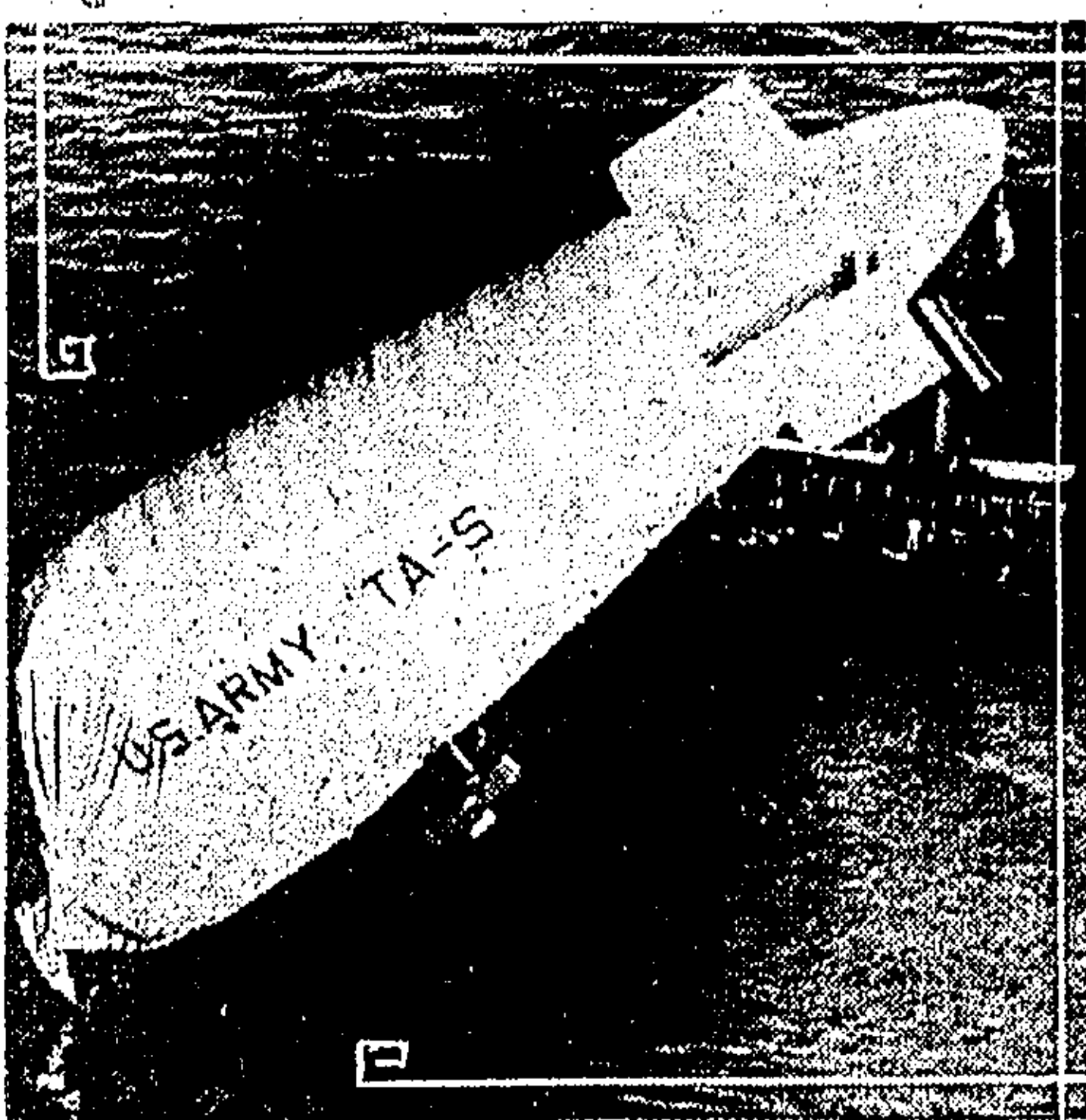
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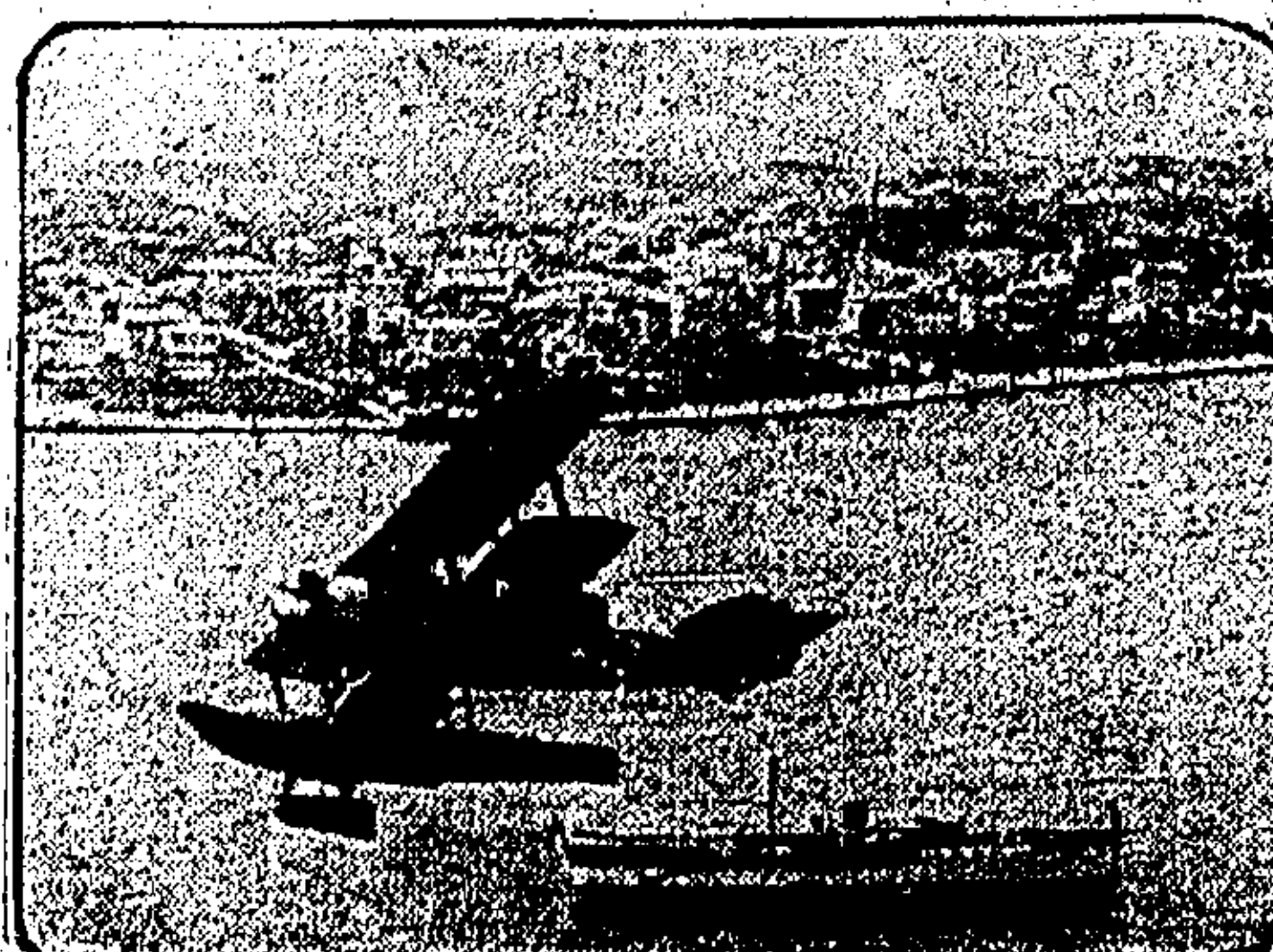
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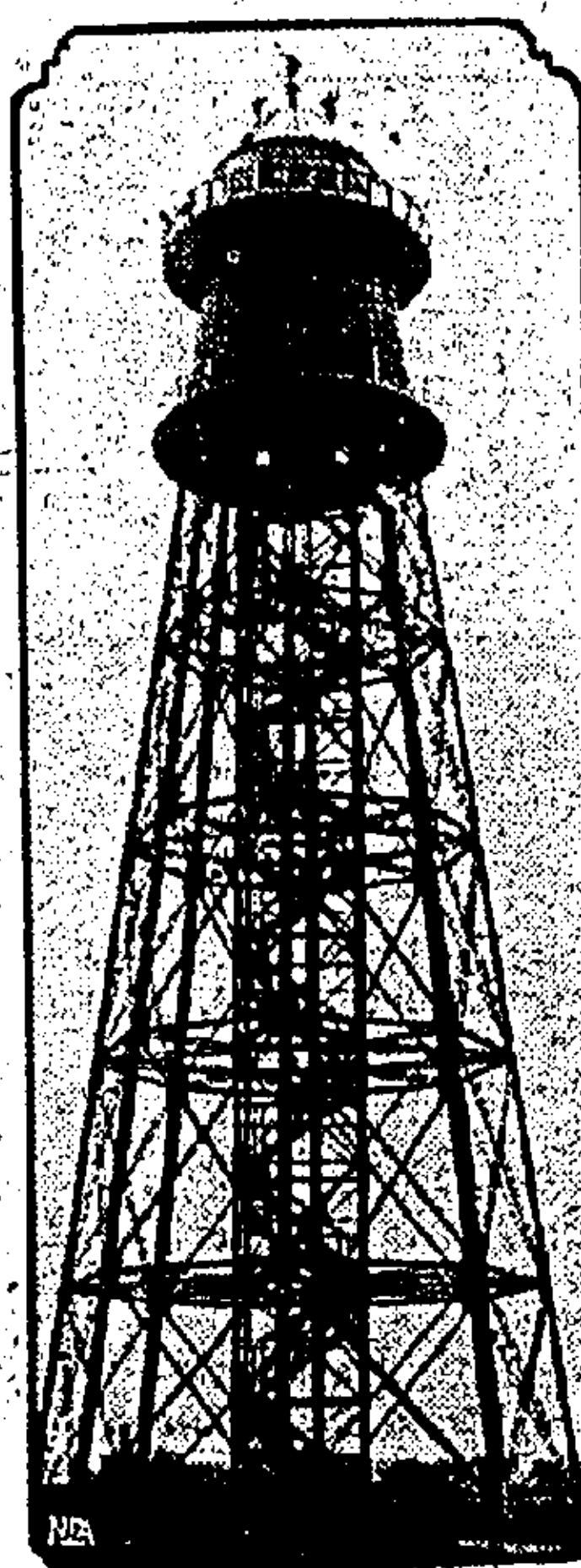
OUR PRINCE.—The Prince of Wales is seen talking with the unemployed here. He's the second figure from the left.



TOOK A NOSE DIVE.—Army airships such as the TA-5 are made for high sailing, not high diving. The photo shows how the TA-5's nose was smashed when she developed engine trouble and dove into the water off Hampton Roads, Virginia. A tugboat saved the crew.



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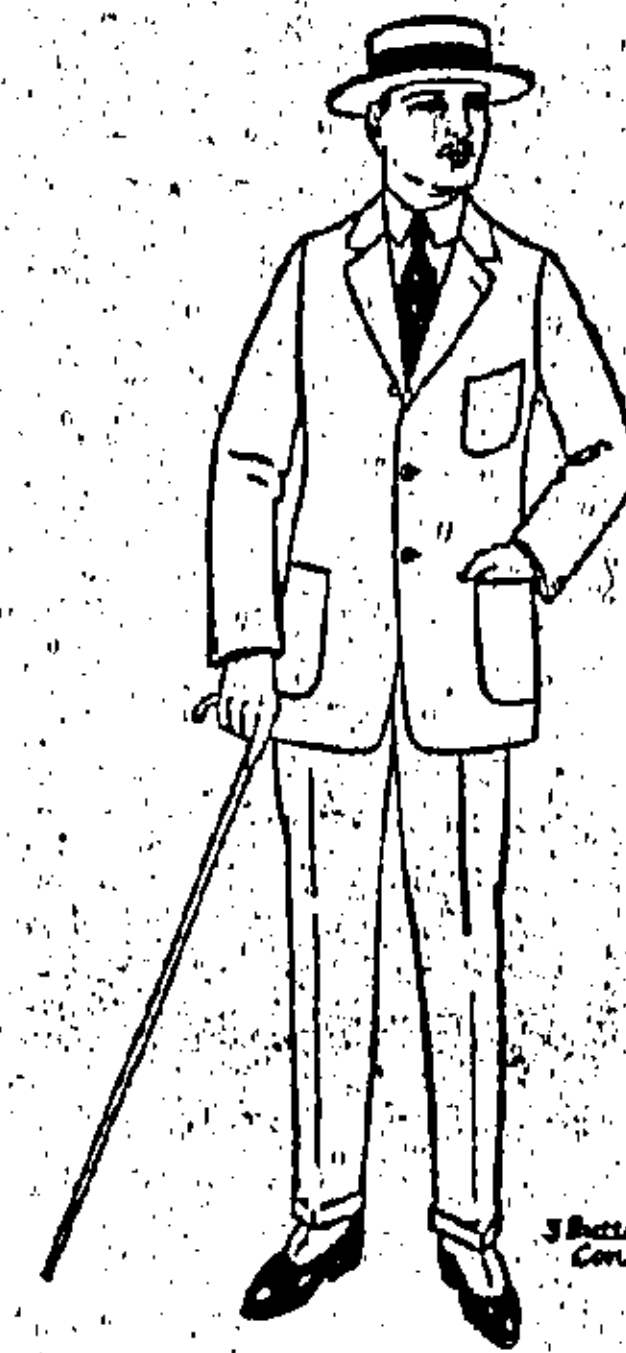


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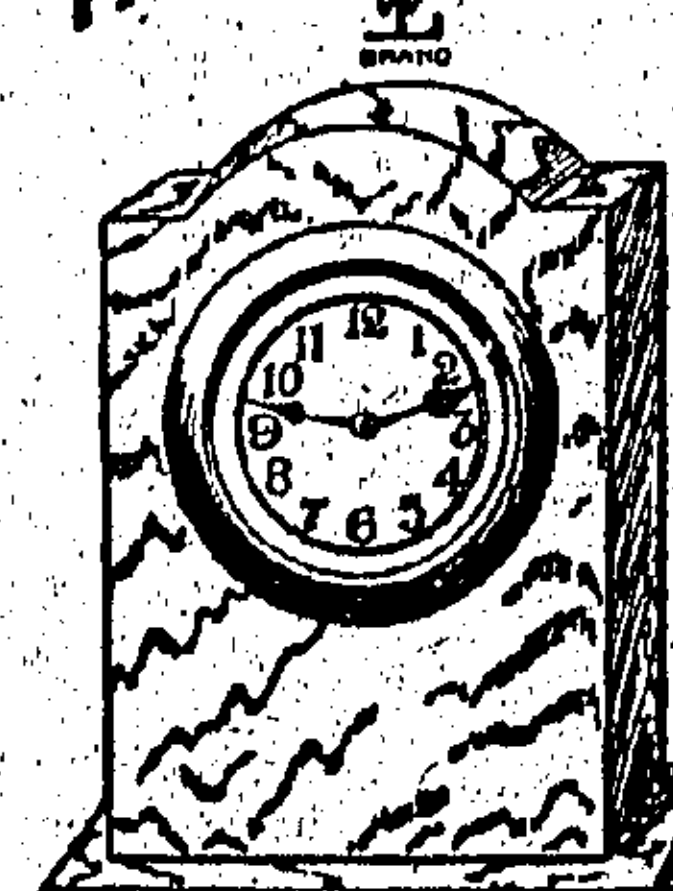
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NOTICE.

HOLYOAK, MASSEY & CO., LTD. During the absence of Mr. P. H. Holyoak from the Colony, Mr. Brian Lander Lewis will be in charge of our business in Hongkong and South China. HOLYOAK, MASSEY & CO., LTD. Hongkong, April 7, 1926.

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The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.00 for all persons including Ladies. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price. Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead and Davis at \$5.00 each up to Friday 30th April.

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CHINA UNDERWRITERS, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the second Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of China Underwriters, Limited, will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Shawan, Tomes & Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on Monday the 26th day of April 1926, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers and a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1925, and of electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 19th April 1926 to 26th April 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the General Managers, R. FARRANT, Manager & Secretary. Hongkong, 14th April, 1926.

PEAK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of Peak Residents will be held at the Peak Club on Monday, the 26th April, 1926, at 6 p.m. for the purpose of electing Officers and a General Committee for the current year.

Ladies are cordially invited to attend. E. B. C. HORNELL, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, April 12, 1926.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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A Quantity of Office Furniture. Terms:—Cash on delivery. LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers. Hongkong, April 22, 1926.

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ATTRACTIVE WEIHAIWEI

LOOKING FORWARD TO BIG SUMMER RUSH.

Weihaiwei, April 10.—Once again we are beginning to rouse up after the quiet winter months, during which we seldom see any one from the outside world. The winter, though not a severe one, was long drawn out, and even as late as Easter we had cold north winds. However, we seem really to have struck better days now, and people are busy putting in seeds and pruning trees, and are seizing every opportunity of going out after the elusive snipe.

Several large ships have been in from time to time picking up a cargo of peanuts. Messrs. Nigerman and Boeter, who now have an office here, usually have a German steamer in once a month. To-day a large American ship was in for several hours and took away a large cargo of peanuts. Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's boats have been running very regularly on the whole. We seldom seem to see any of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's boats. Of H. M. ships, R.F.A. Belgol, an oil tanker, is the only representative at present in port.

Accommodation at the bungalows and hotels seems to be getting booked up very quickly, and the season promises to be a busy one. This week two Japanese warships, four submarines and a parent ship visited Weihaiwei for a couple of days. Three admirals and their staffs came over to Government House and were received at the jetty by the platoon of East Yorks as guard of honour.

Rain would be very welcome for fields and gardens, as well as for laying the dust, which has been very unpleasant on two or three occasions lately. Thanks to the fact that snow was this year above the average, there is no immediate danger to the crops, and the wheat appears to be well forward.

The steam launch Alexandra is being thoroughly overhauled in Dalny and will this season do duty as ferry between the mainland and island. Several motor fishing boats have now their headquarters here, and large catches have recently been reported.

The annual invasion by the "yellow flower fish" fleet is at its height, and hundreds of boats line the beach from the King's Hotel to the sea front opposite the golf links.—Shanghai Times.

Monza, Italy, March 5.—The attempt by a team of five Englishmen and a young English girl, Miss Violeta Cordery, to create a new world's record for a non-stop automobile run of 40,000 kilometres (24,854 miles), on the famous racetrack here, came to grief today. One of Miss Cordery's comrades fell asleep at the wheel while speeding at 100 kilometres an hour, and the car went over the end of the track.

He was thrown some distance, but only suffered bruises. The team had circled the track 185 times for a total of 8329 kilometres (5175.59 miles).

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KRISHNAMURTI.

A CHARACTER SKETCH.

London.—Perhaps no young man in his twenties has caused more of a stir in recent decades than Krishnamurti, the newly acclaimed "world teacher" of Theosophists. Great Britain is particularly interested in him, partly because he received some of his education at Oxford, partly because he has been led to his new station chiefly by the guidance of Mrs. Annie Besant, and partly because he is setting up his religious headquarters in Scotland.

Theosophists in many lands have not taken kindly to Krishnamurti's sudden rise to eminence, and dissensions are reported on all sides. Certain English Theosophists have seceded. The Czechoslovak society has broken away altogether from the international organization. And reports show that the Hindu "teacher" is not at all sure of unanimous support in the large Theosophist family in the United States.

Krishnamurti has been the subject of strange acknowledgment over since boyhood, when he was the centre of the strange Cult of Alcyone. He was said to have had thirty-three lives, and at Benares he was "worshiped" by devout Theosophists who believed that, while he was not divine, he was destined to become the earthly Home of the Divine Spirit. An account of his following during this period states:

"We knew we were facing not merely a Brahmin youth, but one who, for the time, was the living temple of the Holist."

The men who recall his Oxford days are unable to describe him as one who had anything in common—as one might imagine a great leader must have—with the world and its people. He did not exactly wear a halo, but he was always mysterious, other-worldly, and, to say it frankly, queer.

"His books," writes an Indian who was in college at the same time, "did not occupy much of his time and attention. He was vastly interested in studying the West, as compared with the East, and in trying to understand the mental attitude of the people of Europe toward religion and higher truth."

"I have often found him sitting quiet and thoughtful and oblivious to other people's presence in the room staring hard at the wall and occasionally shaking his head. Suddenly he would seize his head between his hands, hang it down to his knees and brook into loud sobs, while his face would turn with tears."

"In those moments he was immersed in the wells of religious emotion and was continually asking forgiveness and enlightenment. This outburst of emotion was usually succeeded either by a long prayer or simply by lying down on a sofa with head buried in the pillows and the body shaking. But invariably he was cheerful after this cloud of emotion had passed away."

"Some followers believed that in these moments of apparent distress he received direct inspiration."

On hearing the news of the outbreak of the war he was seized with one of these overpourings of religious emotion. He shook and shivered. He asked his friends pitifully: "Would they spill more blood? Hasn't sufficient blood been spilled in the world?" And then he shouted: "Oh, Lord! save this world! and burst into tears."

"After passing through a state of slumber he arose cheerfully and said quietly: 'I know, I know. After the war the world will know that it can still be saved. It will know who can lead it to enlightenment. But would it believe him? Would it accept him?'"

"To see other people dance! always amused him. 'Do you know why they dance?' he asked, and then would say, half smiling, 'I am sure they feel physically impelled to dance because their minds are in a spiritual haze and they don't know how to get out of it.'"

Whatever it is, it clearly is some central or fundamental part of the human organism, whose disturbance so completely upsets the harmonious working of the whole phenomenon we call man. For, in a way, the disorganization is more general than is brought about even by many forms of insanity; more general than is effected easily by grave physical disease. Clearly the root of the trouble lies in the emotions, and in the subtle primitive physical-

WHAT IS NEURASTHENIA?

A WORD THAT IS LOOSELY USED.

[BY DR. HARRY ROBERTS.]

Especially since the war neurasthenia is one of those medical terms which may almost literally be said to be in everybody's mouth. It indicates one of the commonest of war disabilities, and, therefore, at the moment, there can be little doubt that an abnormal number of persons are actually suffering from this distressing ailment.

At the same time, it is no new disorder; and from their writings we find that it was familiar to physicians of a few centuries ago, like Sydenham, and even to physicians of a very much earlier age, such as Galen.

Unfortunately the term is very loosely used both by the public and by the medical profession, so that it is a little difficult to estimate justly the actual frequency of the condition. Moreover, its pathology is still obscure, and we have no clear picture of the actually chemical and physical changes, if any such there be, that take place in our physical, nervous, and neuromuscular structures.

All we have to go on are certain groupings of symptoms, which vary somewhat from individual to individual. Still, these symptoms generally form so clear and definite a group as to indicate a well-defined or specific disorder to which rightly a single name is given.

The Symptoms. What, then, in a typical case, are the characteristic signs of the neurasthenic?

His marks or stigma are both physical and psychical; and it is difficult to say which are the more striking. Perhaps we may sum them both up roughly as loss of power and loss of personality. According to the severity of the neurasthenia, a patient is so much less a live person.

"Unfortunately for him, however, his self-consciousness and concern do not suffer a proportionate atrophy. Consequently, the neurasthenic is usually aware of his mental and physical impotence, and is worried and depressed by it. He is in the lamentable position of having, like the rest of us, largely lost the force and accuracy of primitive instinctive reactions, and having also been deprived, in greater or less degree, of the faculty of conscious direction. Consequently it is extremely difficult for him—indeed, generally impossible—to give sustained attention to anything whatever. Mental processes calling for any continuity of thought and active memorisation are out of the question."

So, also, are all forms of physical work or recreation involving any concentration. It is probably mainly to the consequent absence of what we may call neuro-muscular or psycho-muscular exercise that the real organic debility which nearly always overtakes the neurasthenic is due.

When we contemplate this disorder or are confronted with any of its victims, we can but realise how very large a part is played in human health and human happiness by the faculty which we call interest. In its absence life, for man at any rate, can be nothing but a burden, which only a surviving instinct for self-preservation prevents the victim from laying down. To the neurasthenic nothing seems to yield interest; neither work nor hobbies nor sports nor friends. Almost the only thing to which his fleeting attention constantly returns is his miserable self, his failure, and his incapacity.

The Root of the Trouble. To such a state are eager, active, healthy men and women often reduced, not infrequently in little more than a moment. To what is so startling a change attributable? What cog-wheel has slipped, or what spring broken?

Whatever it is, it clearly is some central or fundamental part of the human organism, whose disturbance so completely upsets the harmonious working of the whole phenomenon we call man. For, in a way, the disorganization is more general than is brought about even by many forms of insanity; more general than is effected easily by grave physical disease. Clearly the root of the trouble lies in the emotions, and in the subtle primitive physical-

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PRETTY WEDDING.

SHANGHAI MAN MARRIED.

The wedding of Miss Pearle Durham, daughter of Mr. T. B. Durham, of Cottesloe, Western Australia, to Mr. William Henry Smith, of Shanghai and for many years a resident of Yokohama, was solemnised on Monday at St. John's Cathedral, the Rev. V. H. Copley Moyle officiating.

The bride was charmingly attired in a gown of white chenille embroidered chiffon, with white panne velvet hat and white fox fur. She carried a bouquet of pink roses.

Given away by Mr. C. B. Brook, the bride was attended by Mrs. Leonard Yates, who wore a gown of sage blue flowered chiffon and carried a bouquet of blue and pink delphiniums, and Miss Daphne Yates, who wore a dress of pink organdy with bonnet and carried a basket of violets. Master Bobbie Yates was also in attendance.

The duties of "best man" were carried out by Mr. P. C. Potts. After the ceremony, a reception was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Yates, the happy couple leaving later for Fanning, prior to their departure for Japan. The bride's going-away dress was of blue embroidered georgette.

MUSLIM CONGRESS.

INDIA NOMINATES OWN DELEGATES.

Delhi, April 22.

The Council of the Muslim Ulema, is not satisfied with the decision of the central Khilafat to send a delegation to the World Muslim Congress, and has nominated four divines to represent them.—Renter.

chemical machinery through which they work.

Accordingly, we do in actual fact find in almost every case that some very severe or long-sustained strain of the emotions—generally the emotion of fear—was the starting-point of the trouble.

The primitive emotion of fear is a comparatively simple one, and is merely the accompaniment of a specific protective reaction to danger—running away, or hiding, or whatever it may be. Like most other emotions, so long as it is accompanied or immediately followed by such appropriate reaction, it is scarcely even unpleasant, and, in any event gives rise to no continued psychic disturbance, in other words, to no mental disease.

The trouble starts when the emotion is a repressed one, when it cannot find its normal expression in action, either through counter fears or through actual environmental circumstance.

On the battlefield, for instance, however, well the emotions may be controlled, fear is bound to be great in most individuals. Yet the personal code of conduct which one has built up, and also the inevitable, penal consequences, make unthinkable what we may call the normal reactions of fear.

Closely parallel are the phenomena which occur in business and domestic life, where individuals, obsessed by futile ambitions or unrealistic dreams, suffer constant anxiety over their daily more and more obvious unattainability.

The Treatment.

A word as to the treatment of neurasthenia, once it exists. Here it is possible only to state one or two general principles. The emotions of man are largely determined by intellectual concepts, and by the direction of imagination. It is the emotions that call for attention, yet they are a part of ourselves that we cannot attack directly.

But, by inducing a neurasthenic person to look at and contemplate the facts of life, the nature of human possibilities and limitations, and the true basis of all knowledge and of all hope, a truer sense of proportion may gradually be created. Moreover, the close inter-relation between bodily health and wholesome physical activity on the one hand, and emotional sanity on the other hand, is a very intimate one. So that much also may be done in a remedial way by the cultivation of the body by work and recreation, by sensible diet, and by wise regulation of the routine physiological processes that take place within us.

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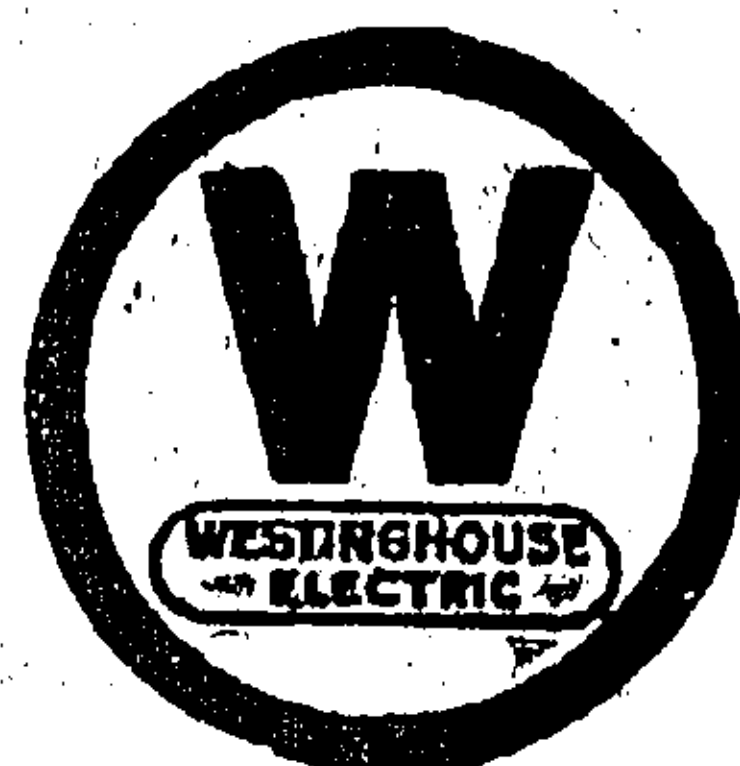
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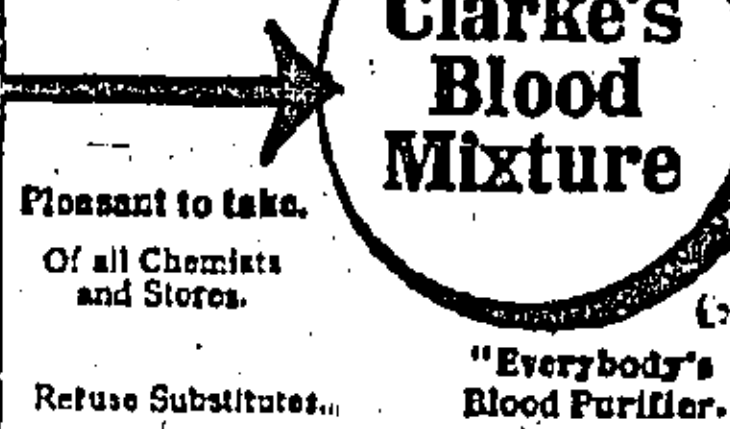
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ROYAL OBSERVATORY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

No Typhoons.

The Observatory's report for
1925 is the first local review to
hand. It says:

The principal features of the
weather in 1925 were:

(a) Heavy rain in June and
July.

(b) Temperature considerably
below normal from April

4 to 18.

Barometric pressure was con-
siderably above normal in April,
October and December. It was
considerably below normal in
January, and moderately below
in March, May and August. The
mean pressure for the year at
station level was 29.845 ins. as
against 29.830 ins. in 1924 and
29.842 ins. for the past 42 years.
The highest pressure was 30.343
ins. on December 30 as against
30.314 ins. in 1924 and 30.509 ins.
for the past 42 years. The lowest
pressure was 29.272 ins. on July
14 as against 29.365 ins. in 1924
and 28.590 ins. for the past 42
years.

The temperature of the air was
considerably below normal in April
and moderately below in April,
January and February. It was
moderately above normal in No-
vember. The mean temperature
for the year was 71° 4 as against
72° 3 in 1924 and 71° 9 for the
past 42 years. The highest tem-
perature was 92° 8 on August 28,
as against 93° 2 in 1924 and 97° 0
for the past 42 years. The lowest
temperature was 33° 7 on February
1, as against 47° 6 in 1924 and
1924 and 32° 0 for the past 42
years. The mean temperature
for April, 65° 2, was the lowest
on record.

Rainfall.

The rainfall was considerably
above normal in March, June and
July and considerably below in
May and August. The total for
the year was 87.58 ins. as against
98.57 ins. in 1924 and 85.19 ins.
for the past 42 years. The greatest
fall in one civil day was
10.38 ins. on July 17 as against
20.45 ins. for the past 42 years,
and the greatest in one hour was
3.16 ins. between 10.30 p.m. and
11.30 p.m. on June 15 as against
3.480 ins. for the past 42 years.

The wind velocity was slightly
above normal in March and mo-
derately below normal in January,
July, September and October.
The mean velocity for the year
was 11.5 m.p.h. as against 11.7
m.p.h. in 1924 and 12.6 m.p.h. for
the past 42 years. The maximum
velocity for one hour, as recorded
by the Beckley Anemograph,
was 45 miles at 9 a.m. on June 26
as against 46 miles in 1924 and
108 miles for the past 42 years.
The maximum squall velocity, as
recorded by the Dines-Baxendell
Anemograph, was at the rate of
65 m.p.h. at 7.7 p.m. on July 15 as
against 130 m.p.h. for the past 16
years.

Rainfall for the year was
87.580 ins. at the Observatory,
85.49 ins. at Tai Po, 95.29 ins. at
the Botanical Gardens and 82.92
ins. at Matilda Hospital.

Serious floods and landslides
were caused by the heavy rains
in March, June and July.

Typhoons.

The tracks of 13 typhoons and
26 of the principal depressions
which occurred in the Far East
in 1925 are given in two plates
in the Monthly Meteorological
Bulletin for December, 1925.

Winds of typhoon force were
not experienced at Hongkong in
1925. On June 26, however, a
typhoon passed about 100 miles
S. W. of the Colony on a north-
westerly track, causing an E. S.
E. gale at Hongkong. The

NELSON'S OLD SHIPS

443,000 SPENT ON RESTORING THE VICTORY.

Forty-three thousand pounds
was spent in the last two years
on the restoration of H. M. S.
Victory, Nelson's old flagship,
according to the annual report of
the Society for National Re-
search.

To the "Save the Victory
Fund" £80,000 has already been
contributed, but complete restora-
tion will cost £295,000, and it is
hoped to raise a total of £100,000
to leave a margin for equipment
and a "Victory Museum."

It is out of the question, it was
stated, for any fee to be charged
for admission to the Victory, as
she is still H.M.S., and in com-
mission, and any fee would be
against Admiralty Regulations.

The Implacable, which also
fought at Trafalgar, and is now
at Devonport, has been saved,
and will return to her old
moorings to serve as a holiday
training ship to stimulate the sea-
sense in the youth of Great
Britain. Twenty-five thousand
pounds is required to put her in a
seaworthy condition.

greatest squall velocity, as re-
corded by the Dines-Baxendell
Anemograph was at the rate of
60 m.p.h. at 9.40 a.m. During an-
other typhoon, which passed a
little to the N. E. and N. of
Swatow on July 15, on a north-
westerly track, Hongkong ex-
perienced a squall at the rate of
65 m.p.h. at 7.7 p.m., the
highest recorded during the year,
though the maximum wind ve-
locity for one hour during this
storm was only 35 m.p.h., at 4
p.m. on July 15.

The effect of the islands of
Formosa, Luzon and Hainan on
the pressure distribution is very
marked. A V-shaped depression
is shown over the S. W. coast of
Formosa and a wedge over the
N. E. coast, except in the summer
months, when the gradients over
the island are relatively shallow
and the trend of the isobars un-
certain. In June and July the
conditions are reversed, the
wedge appearing over the S. W.
coast and the V over the N. E.
coast. In August and September
there appears to be a low over the
N. E. coast.

A very remarkable V-shaped
depression is shown over the west
coast of Luzon in the winter
months, but in the summer months
the trend of the isobars is un-
certain, particularly in August.
As regards the effect of the Is-
land of Hainan, in the winter
months there is a tendency for
the isobars to encircle the island,
but a large number of accurate
observations are required to trace
the effect in the summer months.
The trend of the isobars farther
south than latitude 10° N. is un-
certain in every month, but the
absolute values are sufficiently
accurate for the sailor.

Results of Weather Forecasts.

The results of comparison of
the daily weather forecasts with
the weather subsequently experi-
enced are given below, with the
results of the previous five years:

Year.	Complete Success.	Partial Success.	Partial Failure.	Total Failure.
1920	64	20	5	1
1921	65	30	5	0
1922	67	30	3	0
1923	66	30	3	1
1924	71	24	6	0
1925	62	34	4	0

The forecast comprises wind
direction, wind force, and wea-
ther. Complete success means
correct in three elements. Par-
tial success means correct in only
two elements. Partial failure
means correct in only one element.
Total failure means correct in no
element.

PASSENGERS.

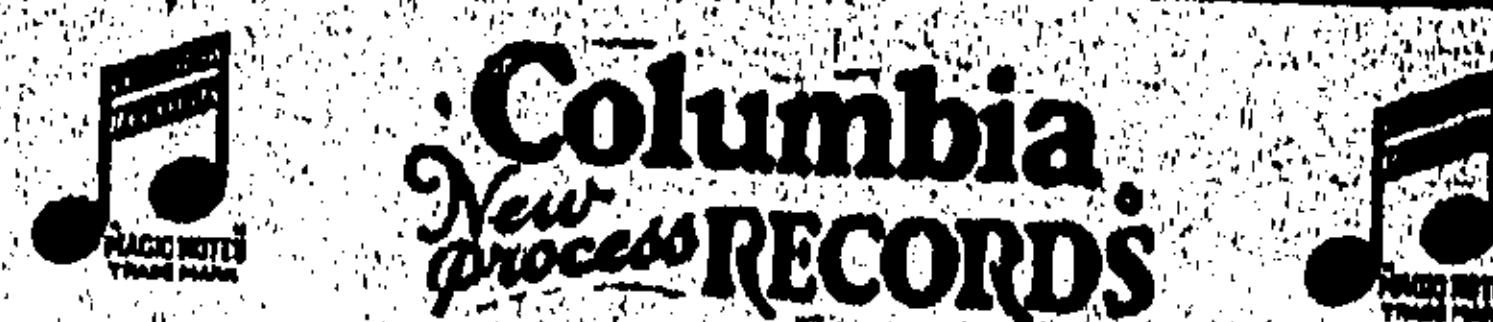
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Seattle via ports, April 22.—Lt. T. G.
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Daniels, Master L. R. Daniels Jr., Mr.
Edward Farrell, Mr. S. Hart, Mrs.
G. C. Hitchcock, Mrs. E. Hoyman,
Lt. John Haas, Mrs. Marie Krueger,
Mrs. Anna Keck, Mrs. C. Moore, Mrs.
D. L. McCrea, Miss E. Mitchell, Mrs.
Margaret Madden, Col. J. P. Robinson,
Master Hugh Robinson, Mrs. J. P. Ro-
binson, Miss Nancy Robinson, Mrs.
M. M. Spright, Mrs. H. J. Scholtes,
Mrs. R. G. Tobin, Master E. G. Tobin
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tina, Miss L. F. Stackpole, Dr. A. Pau-
tista, Mr. N. Capistrano, Mrs. C. P.
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Forrier, Mr. Irwin Pegley, Lt. John
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Miss F. Johnson, Mr. L. Lewick, Mr.
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Rosario, and Mrs. L. L. L. L. L.
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J. Vandenburg, Mr. J. C. Vank, Mr.
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Loy, Mr. Yee Ching Wo, Mr. Wong
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Per s. s. Empress of Asia for
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dan, Mr. and Mrs. H. Birkett, Miss
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Mrs. Crumpton, Mrs. Bayard Dod,
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zario, Master A. V. Razario, Mr.
G. E. Steward, Mrs. Steward, Mr. and
Mrs. H. S. Sharp, Mr. M. L. Villado-
lid, Mrs. Villadolid, Master V. F. Vil-
ladolid, Mr. Wong Kok Shan, Mrs.
A. W. Yates.

Per s. s. Aki Maru for Shanghai,
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Mr. R. Yoshiohiko, Mr. and Mrs.
Hin Wang, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. But-
terworth, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. S. Silva,
Dr. and Mrs. S. C. Chan, Mr. and
Mrs. G. Stoney, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Yung,
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith, Mr.
H. Chamberlain, Mr. K. Abe, Mr. and
Mrs. R. Yoshiohiko, Mr. and Mrs.
J. Hutchinson, Dr. W. L. Ugow, Mr.
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FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 1926.

LOCAL ADMINISTRATION.

On an occasion like yesterday, when there have to be voted many sums of public money for administrative and development purposes, one gets a glimpse at the maze of departmental work which occupies the time of the various Government Departments and one realises that, in spite of our grumbles, the machinery of the Colony's government functions extraordinarily well. Over \$1,500,000 were voted yesterday, and, in the explanations covering each item, it was made evident that there was not a dollar being spent which had not been checked up and justified. We and others of the public don't always agree with the Government's policy on certain matters, but there can be no two opinions as to the merit and quality of Hongkong's standard of administration. Strictly fair and impartial, cautious yet not without progress, and, above all, keen insistence on quality and worthiness—these are the outstanding characteristics of our public administration here and we have every right to be proud and jealous of them.

We are glad to see that the Government is going to finish off the surfacing of the junction of Nathan Road and Gascoigne Road, Kowloon, for which we pressed recently, when the Finance Committee refused to sanction heavy expenditure. A macadam surface costing only \$7,000, as against \$40,000 for a concrete foundation and asphaltic surfacing, is quite good enough to go on with, and there can be no two opinions regarding the justification of spending \$7,000 in order to give relief immediately both to pedestrians and motor traffic using this growingly-important junction. A fine straight stretch of wide roadway will then extend from Mongkok to Salisbury Road. There were big expenditures passed in connection with the pipe line for the Shing Mun Valley scheme and we hope that this indicates that the Government intends to proceed steadily with the full completion of the first part of the project. In its conception the scheme is one of the biggest undertaken here and in the quality of the workmanship which is marking its execu-

tion, it will stand for very many years as a monument to the Water Office of our Public Works Department and the contractors. It would be a pity if doubt in the future of the Colony caused a curtailment of the first portion and confined the benefit of the scheme to Kowloon.

We do not intend referring to many of the big items of expenditure which were approved, for they speak for themselves. We would like, however, to commend the decision to have the scholars of Government Schools at Tai Po, Un Long and Cheung Chau brought into line regarding the eye-treatment benefits enjoyed by the pupils of other Government Schools in the Colony, and the Council ought very gladly to vote whatever other small sum is necessary to make up any deficit there might be at the end of the year. The principle that in educating a child the educational authority ought to make itself responsible for the child's physical health as well as for its mental instruction is one which is finding growing acceptance the wide world over. Here in Hongkong, where health is such a vital matter, there ought to be nothing but public approval of and commendation for any Governmental acts which tend to improve the health and fitness standards of our school children.

Weather Reports.

One of the most valuable services which masters of vessels on the China Coast can perform in the general interests of shipping is to work in close co-operation with the Observatories of the Far East so far as the supplying of weather reports is concerned. For some years past, an endeavour has been made locally to interest mariners in the matter. Notices giving particulars of the information required are handed to masters by the Harbour Department here, copies are sent to the shipping companies for distribution to captains and supplies are sent to the Master Attendant at Singapore, who has consented to furnish copies to north-bound ships. What is more, a form of standardising the returns has been drawn up in co-operation with the observatories at Manila and Sicaoai and placed on board all vessels provided with wireless installations. These points, and others, are stressed in the annual report of the Director of the Hongkong Observatory, who states that during last year messages were received from 1,439 ships, as compared with 1,517 in 1924. British ships to the number of 687 sent in reports during the year, as against 665 in 1924, but in respect of vessels of other nationalities, there was a drop from 852 in 1924 to 752 in 1925. This, says the Director, is disappointing and difficult to explain. It certainly is. In their own interests, ship masters must surely realise that the better informed an Observatory is with regard to weather conditions, the more valuable will be the information which it distributes, especially in the typhoon season. For this reason, we trust that local shipping companies, and the mercantile marine guilds as well, will impress on masters the extreme importance of this work.

EXCHANGE RATES.

Rugby, April 22.	
To-day's exchange rates are as follow:	
Paris	145
Brussels	138
Amsterdam	12.12
Berlin	20.42
Copenhagen	18.60
Vienna	34.47
Helsingfors	108.2
Lisbon	24
London	45 7/16
Hongkong	2/25
Yokohama	1/11 1/2
New York	4.86 1/16
Geneva	25.18
Milan	120.99
Stockholm	19.15
Cairo	22.59
Prague	33.05
Madrid	6.15/16
Bombay	1/15 1/2
Shanghai	2/10 3/4
Silver (spot)	29 3/16
Silver (forward)	29 1/4

—British Wireless.

DAY BY DAY.

WORDS ARE GROWN SO FALSE I AM LOATH TO PROVE REASON WITH THEM.—Shakespeare.

The s.s. Bendoran is due here to-morrow from European ports.

The s.s. Gambhira is due here from Singapore on the morning of the 28th instant.

The s.s. Benrooch left Singapore on the 22nd instant, and is due here on the 27th instant.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts' Shanghai Office advise that the Alma Estates, Ltd., has declared an interim dividend of 1 tael.

Passengers departing yesterday by s.s. Empress of Asia for Manila included Mr. and Mrs. Birkett and Miss E. T. Birkett and Mrs. D. C. Miller.

Among those going Home on leave on the 19th instant from Shanghai by the Empress of Australia were Mr. and Mrs. C. Gordon Mackie.

Yesterday evening, the roof of No. 99, Wanchai Road collapsed, but luckily no-one was injured. Shoring operations were put into operation immediately.

Mr. H. E. Goldsmith has been appointed Assistant Director of Public Works, in succession to Mr. A. H. Hollingsworth, who recently went Home on retirement.

At the Council meeting yesterday His Excellency the Governor asked for a vote of \$150, required to feed the unusually large number of dogs suspected of rabies and under observation at Kennedy Town.

According to a report made by Sub-Inspector Booker, Indian police constable, No. 401, named Spray Singh, accidentally shot himself in the left foot whilst on the revolver range. He is being treated at the Government Civil Hospital.

Dr. Moore, Victoria Hospital, has reported to the police that while he was riding in ricksha No. 11 on Barker Road, the right wheel came off, and the coolie was struck in the region of the spleen by the shafts, and also received slight abrasions to the right ankle. The refused to go to hospital, and it is not known how serious his injuries are.

H. R. H. Prince George revisited Perak on April 16th as the guest of the Sultan of Perak at Kuala Kangsar, where a programme including elephant rides, water sports, polo, a dance and a trip up the Perak river was arranged.

Fowl rears and poultry farmers Singapore are complaining of a disease known as fowl-cholera which is causing hundreds of fowl to sicken and die. The disease shows itself in an inability to eat. The opinion is that the disease is brought into the Colony by poultry imported from elsewhere, and the heavy losses sustained by poultry farmers have resulted in a rise in the price of fowls and eggs.

LOWER IMPORTS.

EFFECT OF SAFEGUARDING ACT.

Rugby, April 22.

Those who have advocated import duties to safeguard British industries against foreign competition, are expressing satisfaction with the figures which have been presented to the House of Commons by Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister, President of the Board of Trade.

The imports of musical instruments dropped in value from \$301,847 in the first quarter of 1925 to \$277,337 for the first quarter of this year. The fall in the imports of motor-cars, was even more considerable. The value of 7,531 cars imported in the first quarter of 1925, was \$1,336,798, while the 2,669 cars imported in the first quarter of this year were valued at \$459,042.—British Wireless.

21 YEARS AGO.

EXTRACTS FROM "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are extracted from the Telegraph files for the week ended April 22nd, 1905:—

The rate of the dollar on demand was 1s. 10 1/2d.

The Russian hospital ship left Saigon after staying for 46 hours, with 900 tons of coal besides food and medical supplies for the fleet in Chinese waters.

Russian cruisers held up the German steamer Brunhilde bound from Bangkok to Hongkong with coal. After a thorough examination, the steamer was allowed to proceed.

A warning was issued to masters of junks of the presence of the Russian Baltic Fleet near Hongkong, and of the necessity of displaying lights in view of the danger of being mistaken for torpedo boats.

The Cricket League table showed Craigengower at the top with 12 wins in 18 matches. The Kowloon Cricket Club were second.

The Hongkong Masonic Quadrangle Club held a smoking concert in the City Hall, the price of tickets being one dollar.

On the invitation of Mr. H. Weissmann, the manager, a large number of guests attended the opening of the Weissmann tiffin rooms.

A notification of the opening day of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, is signed by Mr. D. Gow, as Hon. Secretary.

The birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Evan Ormiston took place at Century Crescent, Kennedy Road.

A Government notification records the appointment of Mr. H. Hursthouse to act as Crown Solicitor during the absence on leave of Mr. F. B. L. Bowley.

Hongkong's finances for 1901 showed assets totalling \$1,445,381 and liabilities amounting to \$1,147,653, this being a credit balance of \$297,728.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

WREATH LAID ON CENOTAPH.

To-day is St. George's Day, when Englishmen the world over display their red and white roses in honour of their King and country and of their Patron Saint.

The Hongkong Society of St. George exchanged greetings with kindred societies in other parts of the Empire and the East.

There was an impressive ceremony at the Cenotaph early this morning, when members of the local Society laid a wreath, of red and white roses, in the form of the red Cross of St. George, encircled by a white border, in memory of the Englishmen who fell during the Great War.

Mr. W. A. Dowley (President) and Mr. C. G. Alabaster (vice-president) headed the procession of members amongst whom were Sir Henry Dollock, K.C., the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird, Mr. F. A. Perry, Mr. H.R.B. Hancock, Mr. T. M. Hazellrigg, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, Mr. W. C. Shiner, Mr. R. E. Greensmith (secretary), Mr. S. M. Mayes, Col. Robertson, etc.

The Society has arranged for a concert to be held at the City Hall this evening, and the programme will be entirely English.

ENGLAND.

Red rose awaking,
Lily of white,
Blue skies a glimmering
After the night;
Summer in England,
Soft breezes' kiss;
What more can anyone
Long for than this?

Swallows a twittering
Under the eaves,
Soft whispers stirring
Through the young leaves;
Summer in England,
Moment of bliss,
What more than can anyone
Pray for than this?

Red rose of England,
Blossom of Fame,
Bloom on for ever,
Spotless thy name,
Summer in England,
Heaven's light above;
This do we pray for,
Land of our love!

The Very Idea!

The fond parents of young MacTavish, had a surprise visit to town, and rather late one evening rang the bell of his lodgings. The invisible opener of the door, on being questioned, replied with inconceivable brutality: "Yes, Mr. MacTavish does live here. Carry him in."

Challapin says the heart throbs are in the gallery. The success of a concert or a play often rests on the knees of the gods.

The bishop was frankly surprised as he faced his pretty young caller. "Do you wish to spend the rest of your life in a convent?" he asked. "Heaven, no!" replied the girl. "Only until my bob grows out again."

A Judge in North Carolina was sentencing a big loose-jointed negro who had been convicted of murdering another negro.

"George Early," His Honour said, "you have been found by a jury of twelve men tried and true to be guilty of murder in the first degree, for having killed in cold blood Moses Stackhouse, and it is the sentence of this court that on the tenth day of August the sheriff of Polk County take you to a place near the county jail and there hang you by the neck, until you are dead, dead, dead. And may God have mercy on your soul. Have you anything to say for yourself?"

The negro shifted from one foot to the other and twisted and untwisted the old felt hat he held in his hand. All eyes in the courtroom were upon him. Finally, rolling his eyes up at the Judge, he said: "Looky here Judge, you all don't mean this comin' August, does you?"

The man got "lit" on elder, and His peace of mind was marred.

Although he said 'twas easy, still
He found it rather hard.

California University boasts a student rejoicing in the name of Kryazizopolito Diamannolous Caropolitaslandivopolous. His class mates call him "K. D. C."

Statistics just published in New York show that during 1925 the city's beauty parlors registered 400,000 women—clients who spent \$400,000,000.

If we must have a religion, let it be the religion of low-abiding citizenship, with its roots above, imbedded in the ideals of American patriotism and its branches and leaves below covering this great Republic, and all who abide within its folds.—From an editorial in an American newspaper.

Bert Whizzey, who has been trying to keep up with a young wife, fell from exhaustion in the drug store last Thursday night. "Antimony is a fine girl," Mr. Whizzey said when they brought him to, "but I started being a but-terly too late in life."

Mirrors reflect without speaking, which has nothing to do with women who speak without reflecting.

Long hair makes a man look silly—especially if his wife finds it on his coat.

Finland has discharged the commander-in-chief of her navy because he cannot speak the language. He was not so fortunate as the Hongkong Governor who was praised because he knew how to be silent in seven languages.

FORGED NOTES.

HIDDEN IN SEAT OF TROUSERS.

The circumstances relating to the seizure of 194 forged Hongkong and Shanghai bank notes, at the Macao steamboat wharf, were related before Major C. Willson at the Central Police Court this morning, when a young Chinese boy was charged with possession.

The case had been called previously, and a remand was granted for further enquiries to be made. Outlining the facts, Sergt. MacDonald said on the 11th of April, at about 7 p.m., the defendant landed from the Macao steamer Sai On and was stopped and searched on the wharf. A small parcel of notes was found fixed inside the seat of his trousers, and on being examined the notes appeared to be forged.

Major Willson said what they would have to prove in a case of that description was that the defendant knew the notes to be forged. He asked whether Sergt. MacDonald was in a position to prove that.

Sergt. MacDonald replied the defendant had made a statement, but it did not indicate that much. He must have known the notes were not genuine, otherwise he would not have hidden them.

In reply to the charge, the defendant said he did not know what was inside the parcel, as the notes were wrapped up in paper, and he was asked to carry them.

Evidence was given by a Chinese detective, who stated he saw the defendant walking in a zig-zag fashion, and on being searched the notes were found.

Mr. D. B. Pent, assistant at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank examined the notes in the witness box and pronounced them to be forgeries. He arrived at that conclusion, he said, by reason of the fact that the printing was not so clear and defined as on genuine notes.

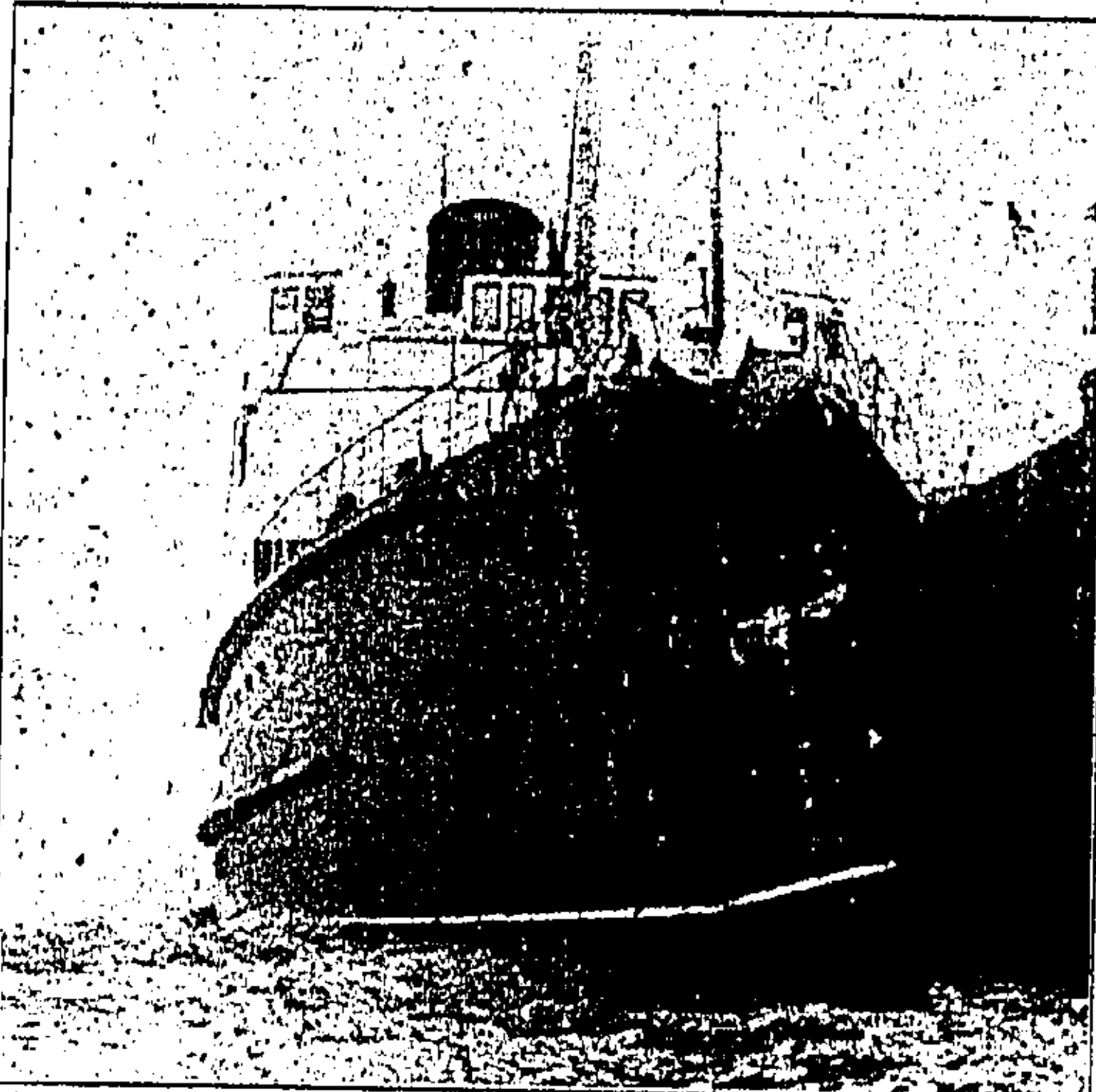
Further evidence was given by Sergt. Hill.

The Magistrate said he found the defendant guilty, but he would postpone sentence until tomorrow. He made an order for the destruction of the notes.

LATEST NEWS PICTURES



Princess Yolanda, the eldest child of the King and Queen of Italy, photographed with her little son.



The s.s. Maid of Kent, of the Southern Railway Company's cross-channel steamer, with her bows badly buckled by her collision with the breakwater as she was leaving Dover for Calais with 400 passengers. Several on board had narrow escapes of being injured.

FOOCHOW NOTES.

NEW CATHEDRAL NEARLY COMPLETE.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Foochow, April 10.

The new Cathedral of the Chung Hwa Sheng Kung Hui in Foochow is now practically finished. It is in the Chung Ha Ciu district, (near the Nantai Y.M.C. A.), one of the busiest and most prosperous parts of Foochow, though it lies several miles from the walled city. The Cathedral is an imposing structure, and will be the largest church building yet erected in Fuchien by the C.H.S.K.H., though considerably smaller, at least so far as seating accommodation is concerned, than the large Methodist and American Board Church.

When the plan of building the Cathedral was first outlined, the amount considered necessary was \$30,000, but already over \$35,000 has been expended, and probably a further \$15,000 will be needed, for the furniture, Pastor's house etc., before the scheme is complete. Receipts to date are over \$30,000, rather more than half being from Chinese sources, and it is hoped that the whole will be free of debt before the date for the consecration. This is planned for May, 1927, when, for the first time, the General Synod of the C.H.S.K.H., representing all the eleven Chinese dioceses, is to meet in Foochow. Already, however, services are being held every Sunday in the Cathedral, which was first used for this purpose on Christmas Day.

At the moment of writing all appears to be quiet in Foochow, and business goes on quietly. Of course, rumour is busy with stories of impending change, but the present leaves little to be desired. In country parts, bandits are still busy, and generally speaking, the unfortunate people are learning to prefer the ills they know rather than invite the Northern soldiers, whose treatment of them is, if possible, more brutal than that of the bandits.

WAR DEBTS.

ITALIAN ARRANGEMENT WITH U.S.

New York, April 22.

The U.S. Government has approved the ratification of the Italian debt settlement as being the only practicable thing to do, the view being that if more had been demanded possibly nothing would have been obtained.—*Reuter*.

The terms of the Italian debt settlement are that Italy is granted sixty-two years in which to repay the debt. During the first five years no interest will be paid, whilst the rate for the next ten years will be one-eighth of one per cent., thereafter gradually increasing to one per cent., where it will remain between 1950 and 1980. The rate for the last seven years will be two per cent. The settlement means that for the original debt of 1,648 million dollars, America will receive a total of 2,407 million.

OUTLINE OF FRENCH SCHEME.

Paris, April 22.

The Quai d'Orsay confirms the report that M. Berenger and Mr. Mellon have virtually agreed on the principle of the debt settlement formula, for submission to the War Debt Commission. It provides for the payment to be spread over 62 years. The annual payments for the first five years are to be small, after which they will gradually increase. It is provided that in the event of a drop in German reparations payments, the French capacity to pay shall be re-estimated.—*Reuter*.

LOAN FOR ARGENTINE.

NEW YORK, April 22.

It is announced that Morgans have arranged for a \$20,000,000 loan at six per cent. for the Argentine Government, to be offered at 96.—*Reuter's American Service*.

At all events, stories of almost incredible barbarism are being constantly told, and one can only marvel at the patience and lack of solidarity that make such things possible.

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WING ON CASE.

(Continued from Page 11.)

In series K-1 which had been used, which had been cancelled and upon which the labels of these deposit books showed no depositor's name. It was because of having been instructed that there were such books shown on the 29th March that I am asking the witness the question.

Pressed, witness stated that those books shown to Messrs. d'Almada and Brutton, the solicitors in the case, were in bundles and he did not know of the inclusion of any untitled ones. If there were, he suggested to cross-examining counsel that he could find out for himself.

Mr. Zeitlyn later put it to witness that he never looked at the handwriting on these labels except to ascertain the name of the accounts, to which witness replied, that he looked up both.

Mr. Zeitlyn drew his Lordship's attention to certain evidence in the Police Court proceedings in which witness was said to have stated: "If the handwriting on the label were not mine, I would still say out in due course. I should merely look at the label to ascertain the name of the account."

In explanation, witness said that the duty of verifying the state of the depositor's account rested on the chief cashier with the Company's books in his custody, and the only other person who had access to these books was himself. Witness admitted that he was the only person concerned with the opening of the Kwong Cheung account on the 26th April, 1923, and he was also the only person to receive into deposit on that account the additional sum of \$20,000 on the following day.

CIVIL ACTION RECALLED.

A civil action instituted at that time by the first defendant, in an attempt to recover the amount of \$50,000, alleged to have been deposited with the Wing On Bank, and in respect of which the charge of perjury was presented in the present indictment against the first defendant, was recalled by counsel in his next question.

Witness stated that he could not recall then or now the appearance of the depositor of the \$50,000, nor could he recall having told the Chief Manager, Mr. Philip Kwok-chuen, that it was not the first defendant who opened the account in the name of Kwong

OLD DEBTS.

WHAT UNITED STATES OWES BRITAIN.

London, April 22.

The British Government has recently been pressed to ask the United States' Government to arrange for the discharge by certain American States of long-standing indebtedness to British bond-holders in respect of money lent.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, in the House of Commons yesterday, told Mr. Ward Law Milne that no action had been taken. The matter of these debts had been carefully considered in the past, and he had recently had his attention drawn to it again.

The subject was again brought forward at the annual meeting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce, Mr. Stanley Machin, who was presiding, being of opinion that the time had come for a discharge of the liability. Later, a resolution was moved by Sir James Martin and carried, asking Sir Austen Chamberlain to draw the attention of Mr. Houghton to the fact that Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina and South Carolina had defaulted on debts for money lent for industrial purposes and national development, and urging that as they are now wealthy they should meet their obligations. Sir James Martin estimated that the amount owed to Britain was \$75,000,000.—*Reuter*.

Cheung. The affirmation made by the Chief Manager in that civil action was never shown to witness, this in spite of the fact that he was the only person who was concerned with the opening of the account in the first place, and the only person who saw the depositor's book in this case.

Mr. Zeitlyn:—Mr. Philip Kwok-chuen is not giving evidence? My Lord, it is interesting to recall that part of the prosecution is for perjury!

Witness was next cross-examined on the procedure of the closing of the depositor's account and he replied that he did not require the presentation of the envelopes in which these deposit books were enclosed, when withdrawals were made; and as regards the retention of the account, all that was necessary was a balance of \$100 from the customer. The case is proceeding.

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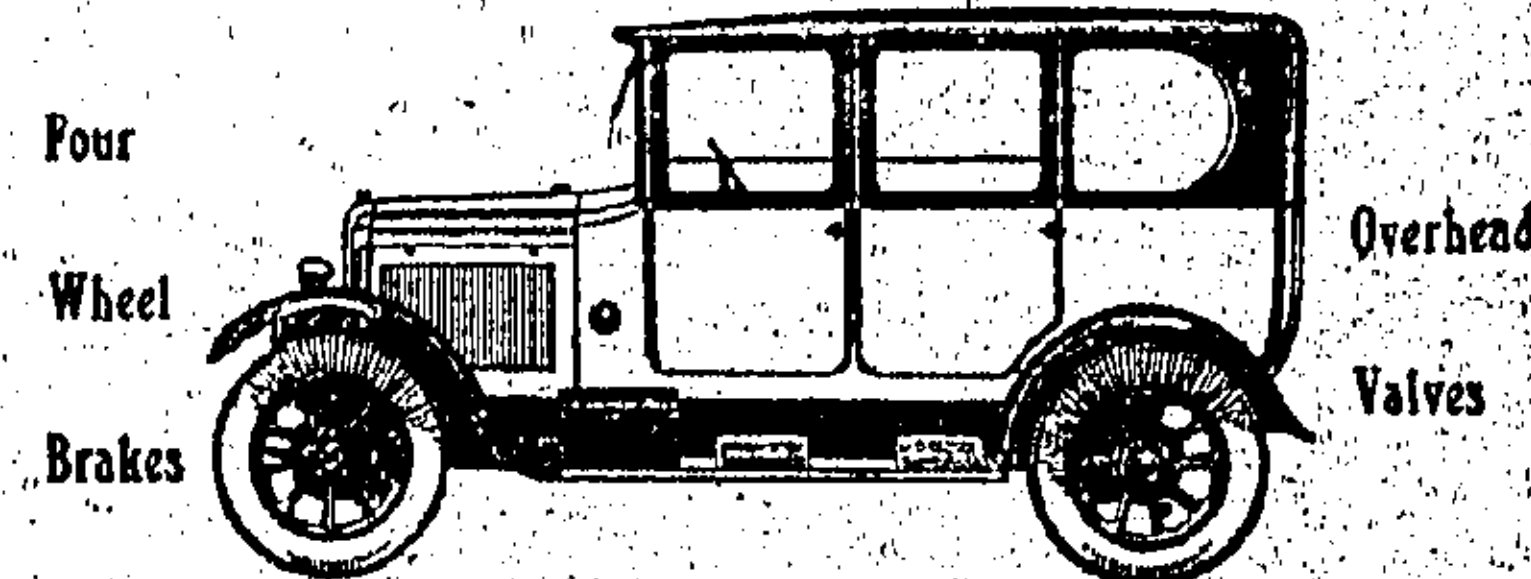
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PROSECUTIONS AT KOWLOON.

In view of the present epidemic of rabies, it is interesting to note that a number of dog-owners were summoned before Mr. J. H. B. Nihil, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, for not having their dogs licensed. Owners having more than one animal were fined \$4, while others were mulcted in fines of \$3.

One Chinese was charged with not providing his dog with a muzzle. It was stated that the owner was warned on three occasions on the 12th inst. The dog was again seen on the road yesterday without a muzzle.

The defendant was fined \$5.

MORE DOG BITES.

More dogs were sent to Kennedy Town yesterday.

A dog owned by Mr. H. K. Holmes, 16 Bowen Road, bit a Chinese woman, who was sent to the Government Civil Hospital.

A Chinese was bitten by a dog owned by Mr. M. O. Masuneto, 63 Praya East, when the former was paying a visit to the house.

After being bitten by a dog owned by another Chinese, when she was paying a visit to 35, Kennedy Road, a Chinese woman has been sent to the Government Civil Hospital.

SPANISH FLYERS.

ARRIVAL AT BANGKOK.

A telegram received in the Colony states that the Spanish aviators who are flying to Manila have arrived at Bangkok, whence they will fly to Hanoi and thence to Macao.

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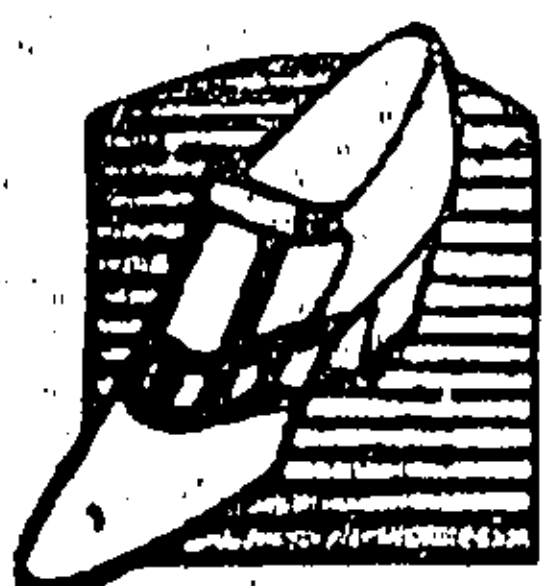
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HOAXING.

SOME HISTORICAL
EXAMPLES.

The not so gentle art of hoaxing,
once one of the merriest of past-
times, seems to have been lost in
the shuffling industry of a world
that is busier than it once was,
says a New York writer. The
very fact that an English clergy-
man could make the world take no-
tice of his practical joke by radio
not many days ago is evidence of
the infrequency of the attempts.

New York, before it put on the
long trousers of a roaring metro-
polis, was not without its prank-
sters, and echoes of their laughter
are still to be found in the all-too-
few pages of the city's history.
Curiously enough, their jests do
not sound uproarious enough in
this day and age to warrant all the
trouble they took. But perhaps
people were more easily amused
years ago.

One of the earliest, and one of
the most notable, of these stunts
was foisted upon a gullible public
in the distant day of 1835, and
through the columns of the old
Sun. It had to do with the moon,
and no doubt was prompted by the
interest man always has taken in
that benign and open-faced planet.

It seems, then, that on January
10 of that year there appeared in
the newspaper's column an account
entertaining to say the least, of a
new telescope the invention of
which was attributed to Sir John
Herschel, a noted scientific man,
and his assistant, Sir Davis Brew-
ster, who at that particular time
were doing some experimental
work at the Cape of Good Hope.

This exclusive announcement
made bold to say that the tele-
scope had been developed to the
point where it enabled man to gaze
upon and study the most minute
of objects on the far-off neighbour-
hood. And then it went on to describe
several of these objects that had
been seen by the Sirs John and
David.

These included "basaltic rocks,
covered with poppies," "fields and
trees and rivers," "amethyst moun-
tains" and "verdant valleys." Sir
Brewster was to be observed roam-
ing these realms and unicorn-
goats and pelicans and strange
sheep. But the strangest of all
was a winged creature, resembling
an orange-outang, but with a
human face, who was called "a hu-
man bat."

There were grave doubts at the
very start that all this could be
true, and yet many people took it
all in with such seriousness that
even Edgar Allan Poe could not
persuade them they were wrong.
Mr. Poe, it happens, was writing a
yarn called "Hans Pfaal's
Journey to the Moon," at the time
and the hoax so completely ruined
his own imaginative creation that
it was halted in the middle.

But even college professors fell
for the stunt, and Poe and others
couldn't save the day for logic.
It was weeks before the story was
thoroughly discredited. It was
blamed at first on a French as-
tronomer named Nicolet; but later
was fastened on a bright young
journalist named Richard Alton
Locke. Just why he did it no one
knows yet.

Perhaps the whole affair gave
Poe an idea, for he is credited
with the next notable hoax in the
city's history, which was perpe-
trated on the same newspaper
some nine years later. This was
an account of a flight across the
Atlantic Ocean and was summed
up in this journalistic fashion:

"Astounding News by Express
via Norfolk Atlantic Crossed in
Three Days. Signal Triumph of
Mr. Monock Mason's Flying Ma-
chine. Arrival at Sullivan's Is-
land, near Charleston, No. C., of
Mr. Mason, Mr. Robert Holland,
Mr. Henson, Mr. Harrison Alms-
worth and four others in the
Steering Balloon 'Victoria' after
a passage of seventy-five hours
from land to land."

The account went on with the
full particulars of the remarkable
voyage. Mr. Poe is said to have
enjoyed some arduous laughter
on his own account. And then
the stunt was exploded. It is a
little unfortunate the poet couldn't
have lived to see the trip actually
accomplished.

But before either of these
affairs, a retired carpenter named
Lozier had had his fun without
the aid of newspapers in as merry
a jest as ever imperiled a man's
neck. That was in 1823, and Mr.
Lozier, in a moment of amusement,
announced that a group of en-
gineers had decided that New
York was getting too heavy on its

GIRL INTERPRETER.

MAKES STATESMEN
UNDERSTAND.

The most talkative woman in
London is Miss M. Curtis, a rosy-
cheeked Giltion girl, whose home
is at Golders Green, and who for
the last four years has been in
the International Labour Office at
Geneva.

It is her present task, says the
Daily Chronicle of March 20, to
attend daily the international
eight-hour day conference, which
is sitting the Ministry of Labour,
and interpret the speeches for the
benefit of foreign delegates.

Every speech in German or
French has to be cross-interpreted
and then reduced to English, and
as matters of detail and technical
knowledge are constantly cropping
up, the work is by no means light.
It means that for every speech
made Miss Curtis has to make two.

A pleasant-faced woman with
dark shingled hair, wearing a busi-
ness-like green knitted frock and
large horn-rimmed spectacles,
Miss Curtis stands at the back of
the speaking statesman, taking
notes in abbreviated long hand—
she does not use shorthand—and
at the end of the oration gives a
rapid interpretation, with only
occasional glances at her note-
book.

Interpreting All Over Europe.

"Miss Curtis can literally get
into the mind of M. Albert
Thomas, the Director of the Inter-
national Labour Office," a Geneva
official told a *Daily Chronicle* re-
presentative.

"M. Thomas is a very quick-
thinking, quick-speaking man, and
it is wonderful to note the manner
in which Miss Curtis picks up his
words, and the spirit of his speech.
She is, in fact, the Director speak-
ing in English."

"She has had wonderful experi-
ence, and has travelled all over
Europe to interpret at confer-
ences."

Miss Curtis herself attributes
her gift of tongues to learning
Latin at Giltion.

Another wonderful interpreter
at Geneva is Mme. Agresti, an
English girl who married an
Italian, and who is always in
evidence at League of Nations
meetings. She takes no notes,
but her memory is so perfect that
she can give a faultless interpreta-
tion of a long and difficult speech.

"She is the supreme interpreter
of Europe," said the Geneva
official. "The longer the speech
the better she seems to like it."

Battery end and proposed to saw
the island off at Kingsbridge and
turn that end down where the Bat-
tery was.

One plan was to detach Long
Island and float it out to sea until
the "grand turn" was made, then
bring it back to its former place.
Lozier said he was authorized to
recruit a gang of workmen for
the job.

Some were engaged to build
barracks to accommodate the hun-
dreds of workmen to be used,
others to make the large sweeps,
200 feet long, which were to be
used at the opposite sides of the
extreme ends of the island, to
sweep it around after it was sawed
off.

Lozier must have chuckled al-
most to the point of self-betrayal
when he questioned the various
workmen who presented them-
selves on the point of whether
they were long-winded, explaining
that he wanted a large number
of "pit-men" who could go below
and do the sawing.

Finally the day came when work
was to be begun. One part of
the army was to gather at "the
forks of Broadway and the Bow-
ery," a quaint way of describing
the spot which is now known as
Union Square. The others were
to meet at Spring street and the
Bowery, where were to be a large
number of hogs to be driven up
to Kingsbridge for food.

The workmen gathered all right
but Lozier had promised to meet
each gang and, as a matter of fact,
he met neither. It didn't take
them long to learn they had been
hoaxed and then the fun began.
They set out to find Lozier. He,
however, was carefully hidden
away. He stayed hidden for
several weeks and even then came
forth in disguise.

AIRCRAFT CATAPULTS.

INSIGHTS INTO A SECRET.

Considerable interest attaches to
the brief announcement in Mr.
Bridgeman's memorandum on the
Navy Estimates that "the cruiser
Vindictive, after successful trials
launching aircraft from her
catapult, has proceeded to the
China Station," for hitherto almost
complete secrecy has been pre-
served about this branch of naval
aeronautics.

It may seem simple at first sight
to propel an aircraft along a hori-
zontal track at a high speed in order
that it shall, with the aid of any
wind within some 50ft., have at-
tained flying speed, but actually
the problem bristles with difficul-
ties. The value of its solution lies
in the fact that the cruisers of the
Navy can carry their own "air
eyes" with them instead of having
to depend upon the proximity of
an aircraft carrier, and in the case
of vessels operating away from a
fleet a practical catapult apparatus
makes them a self-contained unit
in respect of getting an aircraft
into the air. The Admiralty are
still withholding any details of the
apparatus used, but it can be stated
that it was designed in co-operation
with the Royal Air Force, and was
actually made at the Royal Aircraft
Establishment, Farnborough. The
results obtained with this, the first
of its type, are, it is understood,
sufficiently satisfactory to justify
further orders, and the vessel's
departure to a far station with a
catapult may be taken as an indica-
tion of success.

So far as is known, only three
nations have been seriously experi-
menting with catapults—Great
Britain, America, and Italy. Dur-
ing the war a catapult operated
by compressed air was tried out at
the Eastchurch station and some
successful launches were made,
but under conditions which could
not be repeated probably at sea.
The general principles of operation
are the erection of a horizontal
girder track at some convenient
point on the fore-part of the ship,
along which a small trolley can be
propelled. The aircraft to be
launched—in the case of the Brit-
ish Navy Fairey III.D. seaplanes
are used—is anchored on the trolley
in such a way that it is held rigid
until the actual moment when it is
released towards the end of the
track. The engine of the seaplane
is, of course, running, and the prob-
lem is to raise the speed of the
aircraft from zero to, say, about
35 to 40 miles an hour within about
50 feet without detrimental effects
to the pilot or the machine. It is
not an easy matter thus to literally
shoot a machine and pilot, weigh-
ing, perhaps, 3,000lb. or more, into
the air in safety.

The rapid and increasing accel-
eration required from the trolley is
secured in the case of Italy by the
use of compressed air working in
pistons to which pulleys and cables
are attached to control the rate of
acceleration, and during the early
experiments at Eastchurch this
method was utilized. America,
however, is reported to have aban-
doned this system in favour of one
which actually shoots the pilot into
the air by means of a gun. The
force generated by the explosion is
transferred to the trolley by means
of cables working over pulleys,
and so successful were the experi-
ments carried out on the U. S. S.
Mississippi that the aircraft was
able to shoot off in level flight
without the usual drop below the
level of the track required in the
earlier compressed air apparatus.
This, it is reported, will enable the
catapult gear to be used on vessels
to which the earlier patterns could
not be applied owing to construc-
tional or other difficulties in placing
the track high enough above the
water level.

Two of the main advantages
claimed for the explosively operated
catapult are that the delay caused
by re-charging the containers with
compressed air is eliminated, so
that a succession of aircraft can
be sent away, while there is a
considerable saving in the weight
and space of the aircompressor
apparatus. The Italian Navy,
operating the compressed air type
experimentally from a barge, have
launched a Macchi flying-boat
weighing 3,000lb. successfully.
Unfortunately, the further prob-
lem of getting aircraft back to a
naval vessel still remains, for it
must alight in the sea to be hoisted
aboard. This is a process which,
if the vessel is rolling, is attended
with great difficulties in avoiding
damage to the comparatively frail
machine.—*Times*.



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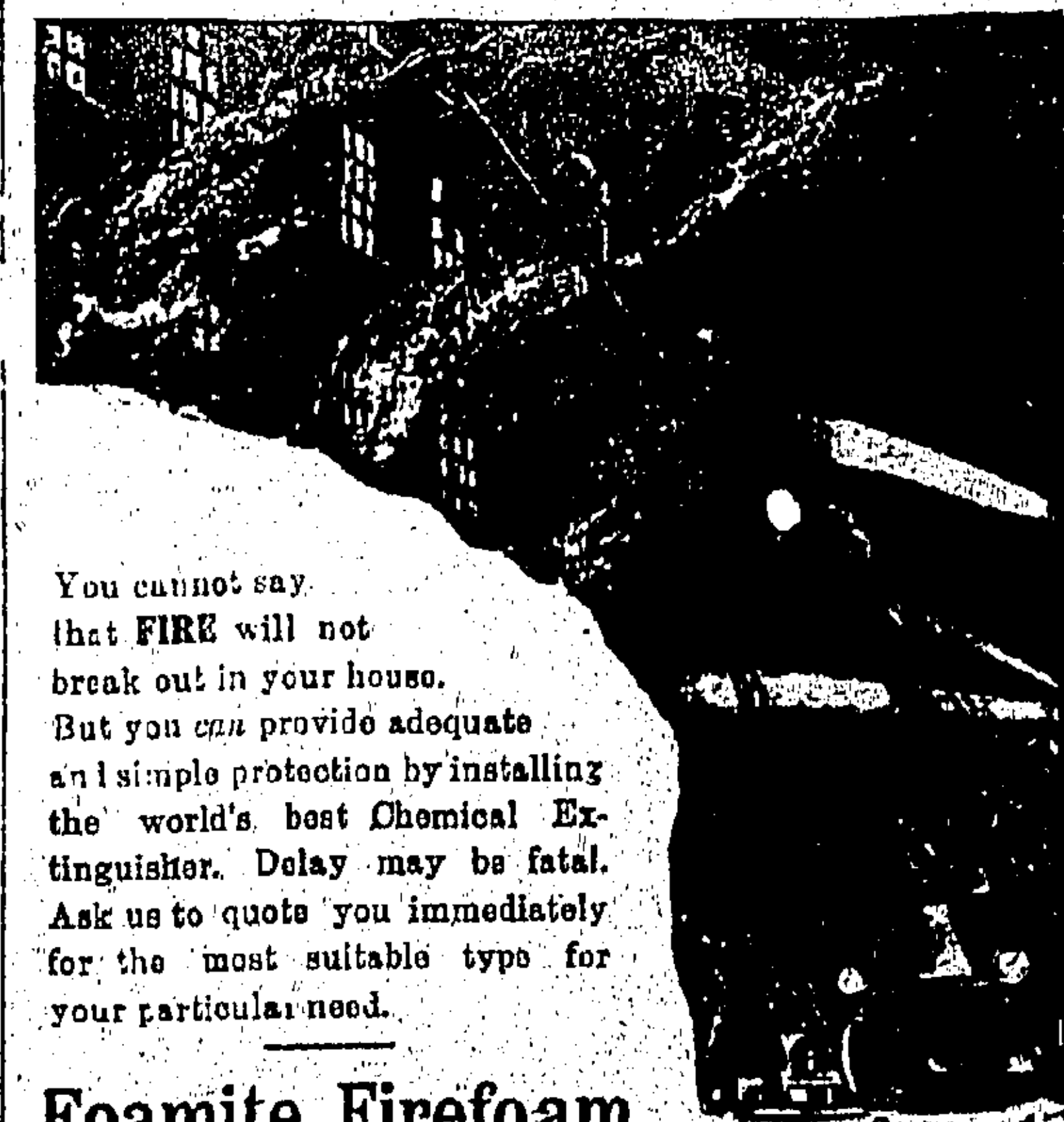
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HOME FOOTBALL.

GRIMSBY JUMP AHEAD.

London, April 22. At Grimsby to-day in the Northern Section of the Third Division, English League, Grimsby, defeated Doncaster by four goals to one, and go to the head of the table.—*Reuter*.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE SHIELD FINAL.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—Having witnessed the two games necessary to decide the winners of the Senior Shield between Kowloon and East Surrey, I respectfully ask why the team of the East Surreys did not attend at the presentation of the Shield to the winners and to receive their cup as runners-up at the conclusion of the game? Perhaps they got stuck in the mud or drowned.

However, without the presence of the defeated team, Kowloon received some rousing cheers.—Yours, etc.,

SPORT.

Hongkong, April 22nd, 1926.

FOOTBALL FINAL.

PORTUGAL'S TEAM.

The following have been selected to represent Portugal against England to-morrow at Happy Valley:—I. Fernandez, W. Ogley, P. Xavier, C. Remedios, A. Remedios, S. Souza, A. Furtado, J. Silva, A. Brown (Recro), A. Gutierrez (University) and A. S. Ward (St. Joseph's).

The kick-off will be at 4.45 p.m.

TEST TEAM.

KING'S MESSAGE OF WELCOME.

Rugby, April 22. A message from H. M. the King was read at the luncheon given to the Australian cricket eleven by Australian and New Zealand business men in London. It was addressed to Admiral Sir John De Robeck, Chairman of the Marylebone Cricket Club, and was as follows:

"The King wishes you to offer on his behalf to the members of the Australian cricket team a warm welcome to the Mother Country; and to express his Majesty's hope that the visit may be in every way an enjoyable one. The King trusts he may have the pleasure of seeing them play at Lords during the season."—*British Wireless*.

EMPIRE BILLIARDS.

A WIN FOR ENGLAND.

London, April 22. In the Empire Billiards Championship, Earlam (England) 2,000, beat Rutledge (South Africa) 758.—*Reuter*.

FOOTBALL.

KOWLOON V. SOUTH CHINA.

The following team has been selected to represent Kowloon v. South China in the Senior League match on the Kowloon ground on Saturday, at 4.45 p.m.—Avery, Wheeler and Read, Turner, Cavell and McKelvie, Duncan, Spary, Sims, Hayes and Mason. Reserves.—Sibley and Guest.

FANLING HUNT.

MEET FOR THE WEEK-END.

On Saturday, the Fanling hounds will meet by kind invitation of Mrs. R. J. Paterson at her bungalow at Fanling, at 2.45 p.m., and on Sunday, at Au Tso at 10 a.m. On Sunday the bus will meet the 8.35 train from Kowloon at Sheung Shui.

THE VOLUNTEERS.

LATEST CORPS ORDERS.

Volunteer Defence Corps orders issued by Major Melville Smith state: "ENGINEER COMPANY. No. 4 (Light Section) will parade at Volunteer Headquarters on Monday, 28th April, at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Muff.

2.—MOUNTED INFANTRY AND ARMOURD CAR COB. Musketry Course Part I, will be fired at Peak Range on Sunday, 25th April, 1926.

All members who have not yet fired this course are warned to keep this date free and attend.

Failure to fire Part I. Musketry Course involves inefficiency, and this is the last opportunity for the above Companies.

Range Officer: Capt. W. Brackenridge, M.C. All those living on the Peak must assemble on the range at 9 a.m. sharp, others must catch the 9 a.m. tram to the Peak.

Dress: Uniform optional, but rifles, bayonets, belts and pouches must be taken.

Arms: Will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, 23rd April, between 5 a.m. and noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m., and on Saturday, 24th April between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

3.—ARMOURD CAR COMPANY. Parade at Corps Headquarters on Monday, 26th April, at 5.30 p.m. General instruction: (a) Vickers Gun under C.S.M. J. E. Hancock. (b) Drivers under Sgt. D. G. Bruce. (c) Miniature Range Practice.

4.—KING'S BIRTHDAY PARADE. Thursday, 3rd June, 1926. The Infantry Companies have been selected to furnish the Corps detachment for this parade.

5.—STRENGTH. The following are taken on the strength, as from 15th April, 1926, and posted as under:

No. 1042 Pte. A. McArthur, No. 5 Platoon. No. 1043 Pte. T. Addis, No. 7 Platoon.

6.—LEAVE. The undermentioned N.C.O.'s and men are granted leave of absence from the Corps:

No. 288 Sgt. A. L. Terry, Engineer Co. from 1st May, 1926, to 31st January, 1927.

No. 247 Sgt. A. Hutton-Potts, M.I. Co., from 16th April, 1926, to 15th May, 1926.

No. 121 Corp. C. Young, No. 5 Platoon, from 26th April, 1926, to 25th January, 1927.

No. 620 Corp. A. Ritchie, No. 7 Platoon, from 1st May, 1926, to 30th April, 1927.

No. 801 Pte. T. N. MacReynolds, Res. Co., from 23rd April, 1926, to 22nd January, 1927.

No. 982 Pte. E. de Silva, No. 4 Platoon, from 20th April, 1926, to 19th May, 1926.

No. 481 Pte. I. W. Shewan, Armoured Car Co., rejoined from leave on 2nd March, 1926.

7.—RESIGNATION. No. 536 Pte. N. M. Campbell, No. 5 Platoon, is permitted to resign from the Corps, as from 17th April, 1926.

8.—STRUCK OFF. The following are struck off the strength, as from 20th April, 1926.

No. 40 Pte. A. E. Farrell, Mounted Infantry Co. No. 329 Corp. L. R. Blacking, Armoured Car Co. No. 315 Pte. E. H. R. O'Farrell, Scottish Co.

G. E. SWINTON, Capt., Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C. Hongkong, 23rd April, 1926.

SMOKING CONCERT AND PRESENTATION OF PRIZES. Friday, 7th May, at 3.15 p.m.

Lt. Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., has kindly consented to attend and present the prizes on this occasion.

It is hoped that O.C. Companies and Platoon Commanders will combine to ensure a good attendance.

Tickets price \$2 (including refreshments) can now be obtained at Volunteer Headquarters.

V.R.C. SPORTS. The Corps has entered a team for the Relay Race and a team for the Turf of War (Catch weights). The Sports will take place on Saturday, 8th May, and all members willing to take part should send in their names immediately to 2/Lieut. H. Owen Hughes c/o Harry, Wicking & Co., Prince's Buildings.

There will be a Turf practice at Volunteer Headquarters on Monday, 26th April, at 5.30 p.m. and members should turn up in boots and sweaters.

Kensington Gardens were laid out by King William III, and originally consisted of only 26 acres? He threw them open to the public on Saturdays, when visitors were expected to wear full dress. Other monarchs have added to them, and now they have an area of 275 acres. The bridge over the Serpentine, separating Kensington Gardens from Hyde Park, was erected in 1826 by Sir John Rennie, the engineer who completed Waterloo Bridge from his father's designs. Adjoining Kensington Palace, where Queen Victoria was born, and where, in the early morning of June 20, 1837, she was summoned from bed to learn of her accession to the Throne.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:—

Banks. Hongkong, \$1.105 b. Chartered, \$20 n. Mercantile A and B, \$304 b. Mercantile C, \$133 b. P. and O., \$94 n. East Asia, \$86 sa.

Marine Ins. Canton Ins., \$625 b. China Underwriters, \$1.95 sa. North China, Tls. 145 n. Unions, \$283 b. Yangtze, \$39 b.

Fire Ins. China Fires, \$170 b. Hongkong Fire, \$550 b.

Shipping. Douglases, \$28 n. Steamboats, \$27 sa. Tugs, \$24 s.

Indo-Chinas. \$38 n. Shell Trans., \$77 b. Star Ferries, \$62 sa. Waterboats, \$15 n. Oriental Nav., \$250 n.

Refineries. China Sugars, \$26 b. Malabons, \$36 sa.

Mining. Bongsuts, \$1.50 n. Kailans, \$27 b. Langkats, Tls. 241 b. Shai Explorations, Tls. 5.25 sa. Shanghai Loans, Tls. 7 n. Raubs, \$5.00 b. Trochons, \$5/- sa. Ural Caspians, \$/- n.

Docks, etc. Kowloon Wharves, \$1284 sa. Whampoa Docks, \$60 s. Hongkows, Tls. 165 b. New Engineerings, Tls. 5.80 b. Shanghai Docks, Tls. 108 b.

Lands, Hotels, etc. H. and S. Hotels, \$9.75 sa. H.K. Lands, \$641 sa. Realty, \$6 b. Territorials, \$5 sa. Humphreys, \$154 b. Princes Bldgs, \$100 n. Rural Lands, \$7 sa.

Cottons. Ewos, Tls. 10.60 sa. Orientals, Tls. 3.20 b. Shai Cottons, Tls. 52 b.

Miscellaneous. Amusements, \$114 b. Canton Ice, \$74 n. Cements, \$151 b. China Buses, Tls. 101 b. China Lights, \$20 sa. China Prov., \$6.15 sa. Constructions, \$24 n. Dairy Farms, \$20 n. Der A. Wing, \$10 n. Electricity, \$64 b. Macao Electric, \$40 n. Developments, 25 cents, n. Ropes, \$30 s. Lane Crawford, \$104 sa. Mackintosh, \$214 n. Peak Trams, \$171 b. Sinceres, \$11 n. Taxis, \$4 sa. United Asbestos, \$20 n. Watsons, \$12 b. Powells, \$10 n.

FOUR TIGERS IN ONE DAY.

Police Officer's Achievement.

Bangalore, Mar. 16.—While on inspection duty at Honnali on the 13th March Mr. P. E. Bowring, the Inspector-General of Police in Mysore, who was touring in the Shimoga District, received information that tigers were creating great havoc among the village cattle at Kamocargud, a few miles from Honnali. He went to the spot and organised a hunt. A machan was put up on a small tree on the side of a hill overlooking the nullah in which the tigers had taken up their abode. Soon after the beat commenced a tigress, with two cubs about a year or more old, came down the nullah. The tigress was dropped with one shot in the back of the neck. The cubs went back, but in about five minutes they returned and were each shot.

Later the same day a male tiger was beaten out, but made good his escape.

The next afternoon Mr. Bowring was going on to inspect the Police Station at Sowlanga when information was received of a tiger at Kunchohalli. An improvised beat with a few men was got up on the spot, and within half-an-hour a fine male tiger was bagged with a single shot in the shoulder. This tiger measured 9 feet, the tigers 8 feet 2 inches, and the cubs 5 feet 7 inches and 5 feet 5 inches.

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SINGAPORE HEAT WAVE.

HUNDREDS SLEEPING OUTDOORS.

Hundreds of Asiatic residents from the town districts have been spending their nights in the open, the Esplanade having been the centre of unusual crowds during the evenings and nights for the past few days. With the temperature just over 92 in the shade, it is not surprising that crowds were to be seen reposing on the stretches of turf along the Esplanade till the early hours of the morning during the last two or three days. During the day-time it has been impossible to get a cold bath without the addition of ice, the water when turned on from the taps being quite warm.

But what a time ice vendors are having. The tremendous demand from the shops, markets and ships in the harbour has caused a slight rise in the price of ice from the factories, but the retail dealers have crowded on fancy prices which are almost alarming. In the upcountry and Tanjong Katong districts the prices were in some cases put up to 25 cents a pound, while other shops in town were selling yesterday at five and even ten cents a pound.—*Singapore Free Press*.

A MONKEY PLAY.

MODERNISM IN THE JUNGLE.

Budapest, March 2.—A new monkey play has been produced in Budapest with great success. The play is a burlesque, ironically suggesting the inferiority of human beings to monkeys in their natural state, and is by Ferenc Horczeg, the foremost novelist and playwright of Hungary, who recently celebrated his fortieth year of authorship.

The scene of the play is a jungle, swept by a wind of modernism, which causes the monkeys to cut off their tails and assume human habits and speech. Miss Rakitakijulhai, the monkey heroine, has even transformed herself into the semblance of a human being, with the aid of Parisian cosmetics, and goes off to the sports club at the edge of the jungle to play tennis. There she meets Tom, a smart young human, who is so enamoured with the thought of her *dot* (the jungle), that he proposes to her in spite of her somersaults and occasional inarticulate screams.

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A Vienna judge ruled today that a young engineer was not the father of the child in a case brought by an unmarried woman for alimony. The court accepted the testimony of scientists that the defendant's blood was in "group four," the child's in "group three" and the mother's in "group two." A similar examination has been ordered in another case.

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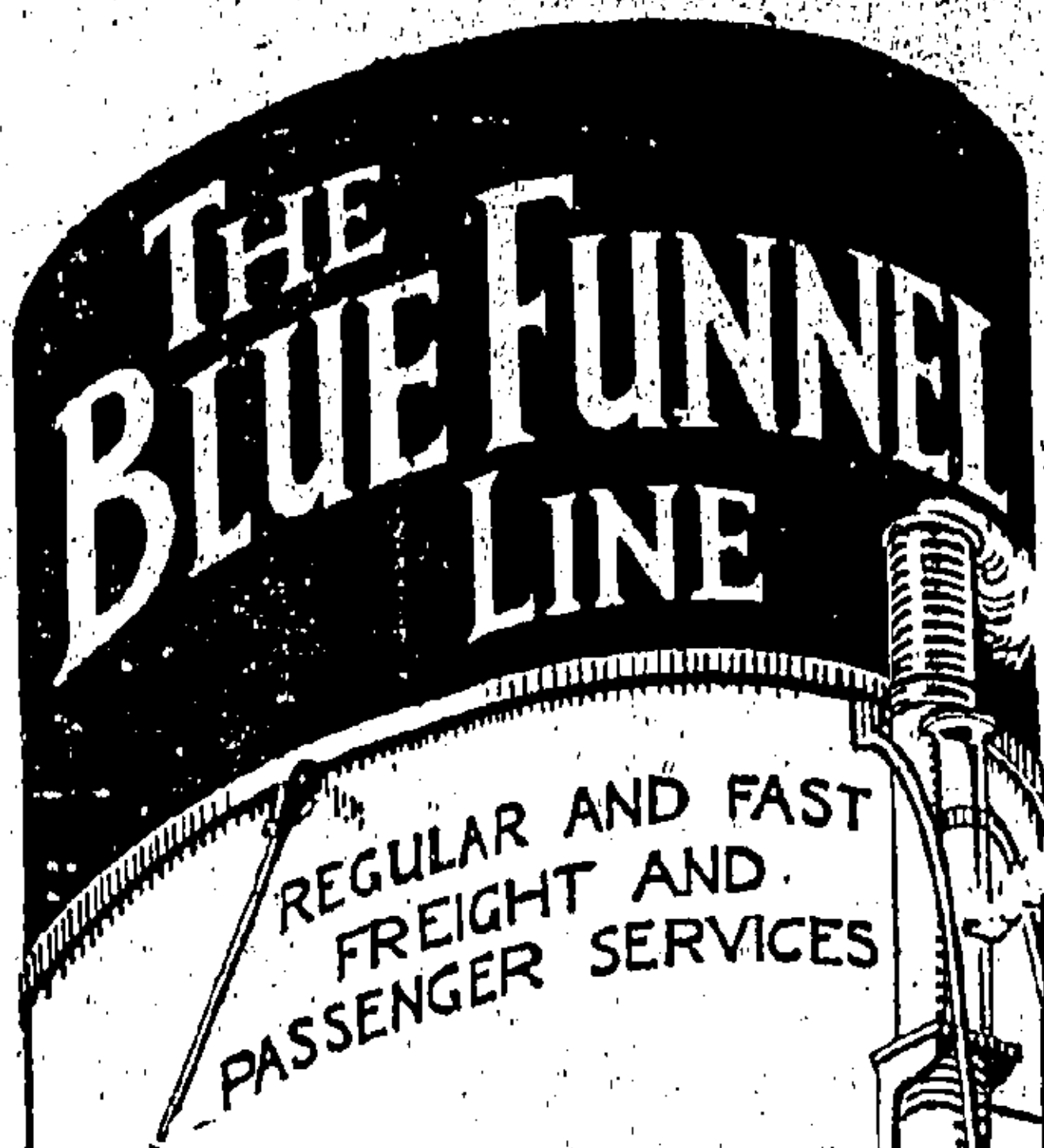
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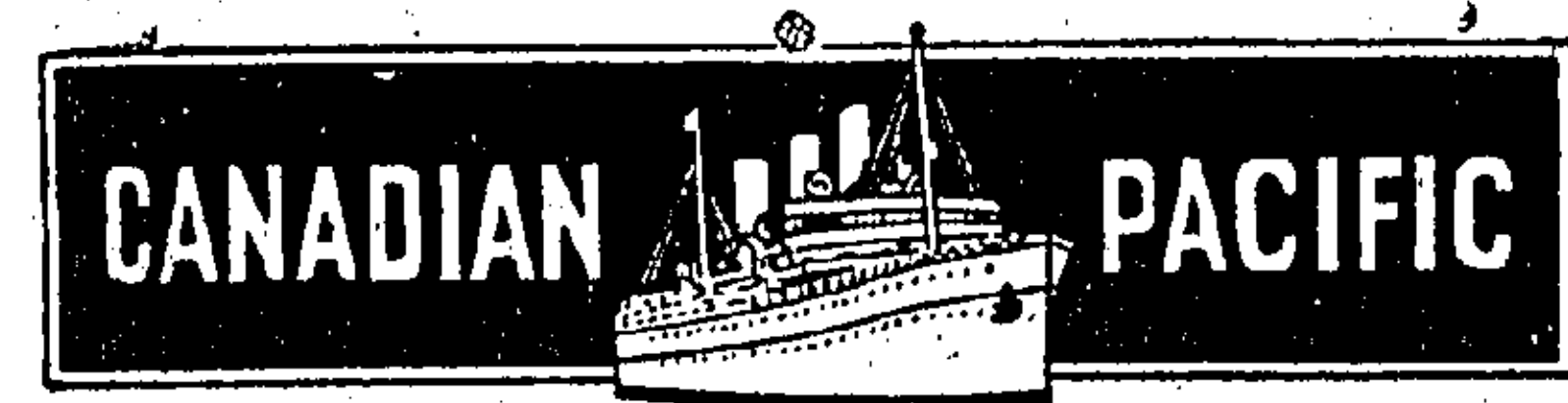
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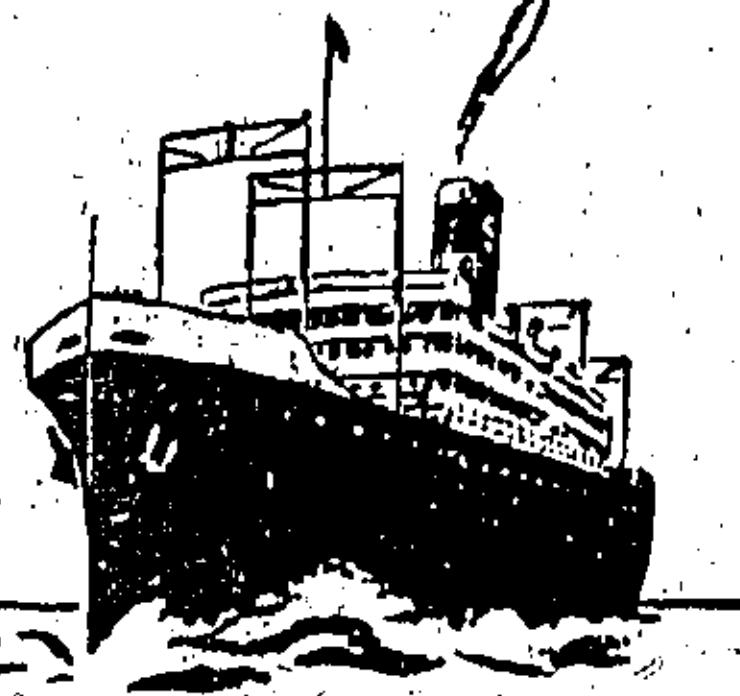
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MARINE COURT.

TICKET CANCELLED FOR BREACH OF RULES.

Rule of Road Offences.

At the Marine Court yesterday, before Lieut. Commr. G. F. Hole, there were a number of cases heard, the majority of which dealt with infringements of the rule of the road by steam launches and in one case, the master, having been twice previously convicted, was not only fined, but had his ticket cancelled.

The masters of the steam launches Cheung Lee and Kwong Tai were charged with failing to observe the rule of the road in Victoria Harbour on April 11 and April 18 respectively. The latter pleaded not guilty, but the charge was substantiated in both cases, and defendants were severally fined \$20 with the alternative of three weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.

The master of the s.s. Fai Fat pleaded not guilty to a similar fault on April 11. Defendant's statement was obviously false, he giving his position at the time of the infringement as some 300 yards to the south of the O. S. K. Wharf, which would have placed the launch in the vicinity of Queen's Road. His Worship remarked that in view of the fact that there had been no typhoons recently, he could not accept the excuse and fined accused \$20 with the alternative of three weeks' imprisonment with hard labour. Accused admitted two previous convictions for the same offence, and after consideration, His Worship withdrew his ticket.

The master of the steam launch Tung On pleaded guilty to being under way in the harbour without a certificated coxswain on board and was fined \$20 with the alternative of three weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.

Pleading guilty to dumping a quantity of ashes and refuse in the harbour without first having obtained permission of the authorities, the master of the steam launch Fong Foo was fined \$10 with the alternative of 10 days' imprisonment with hard labour.

DOCTOR'S SUICIDE.

ONCE LAWYER IN WASHINGTON.

Vienna, March 12.—Suicide has ended the varied career of Dr. Karl Hau, alias Stau, once a lawyer of Washington, who was convicted in Germany in 1906 of the murder of his wife's mother. The Vienna police have established through comparison of fingerprints that a man who shot himself at Tivoli, Italy, on February 6 was Hau.

Dr. Hau for a time was professor of Roman law in George Washington University. His mother-in-law, Frau Molitor, was murdered at Baden-Baden on November 5, 1906. Hau fled to England, but was extradited, convicted and sentenced to death, the sentence later being commuted to life imprisonment. He was released in 1914, but was forbidden to write a book on his prison experiences. This prohibition he ignored, and an order for his arrest was issued last November.

THE NAVY OF TO-DAY.

AT SEA WITH THE FLEET.

The following extracts are from a series of articles by a Special Correspondent of the Observer, who served in the Fleet years ago, and has lately had the privilege of spending some weeks in vessels of nearly every type now in commission—capital ships, cruisers, destroyers, submarines, a mine-layer, and an aircraft carrier.

Since it was obviously impossible for me to visit the whole of our seagoing Navy in the time at my disposal, it will be as well here to take note of the distribution of our different classes of vessel about the world. Our capital ships are now to be found only in home waters and in the Mediterranean. There are no adequate bases for them elsewhere. Although the sea is still all one, it is now divided into spheres of influence, it tonnage of capital ships, recently standardized, can be taken as a measure of such influence. The Western Atlantic and Eastern Pacific are the American spheres; the China seas the Japanese. Tonnage of cruisers has not been standardized. Ours are distributed, some with the capital ships, others on independent missions on all stations. Those with the capital ships are about half the size of the new (10,000 ton) class, which other Powers have and are building. In the operations which I have witnessed there has been an obvious need for cruiser-screens with battle squadrons, and vessels so employed cannot perform their functions if they are smaller (and therefore slower in a sea-way) than those of an opposing cruiser-screen. Cruisers on independent missions in distant seas must either be strong enough to fight or fast enough to avoid action.

In the old days a voyage from one port to another was a peaceful experience, affording a certain amount of leisure. In these days of strict economy ample value in training officers and men, and in testing ships and weapons, is obtained for all fuel that is expended. The work is incessant, by day and by night. Even when in harbour there is little leisure time. To normal drills and training there are then added social duties in foreign ports involving much organization. I have seen as many as 400 people of a foreign town attending an afternoon entertainment given by a flag officer in a battleship, and I have seen them all returning to the shore plerished with their experience, and better acquainted with the truth about our nation. I do not write only of entertainments by officers. At Algiers last year there were 14,000 landings of "ratings" from the Fleet. Their behaviour on shore can be judged from the fact that not a single case of trouble of any kind was given to the police, and the Prefect paid a special call to express to the naval authorities his admiration and thanks. There was practically no leave-breaking. Many friendships were made, and French soldiers and their wives

were entertained on the lower deck by British petty officers.

It has been said that Admirals make the best Ambassadors. If more were known about the effect of these visits to foreign ports by his Majesty's ships, the nation would be better able to realize the value of the peace-work of the Royal Navy in spreading throughout the world a spirit of good feeling and of understanding of us and of truths nowadays sadly obscured by hostile propaganda. I can write from recent knowledge of France, Spain, and Portugal. The effect is the same in all countries with coasts and harbours visited by the Navy, especially in the Far East. At the present moment about 34,000 of our naval personnel are policing the seas and performing on foreign stations the diplomatic functions to which I have referred. Of these about 22,000 are in the Mediterranean, about 6,200 on the China station, about 2,000 on the East Indian, and 1,600 on the Africa station.

Plenty of leave is given to go ashore in British and foreign ports after the day's work is over, and the privilege is very seldom abused. The authorities concerned (the Captain of the Fleet, if there is one) take a good deal of trouble on behalf of these "liberty men."

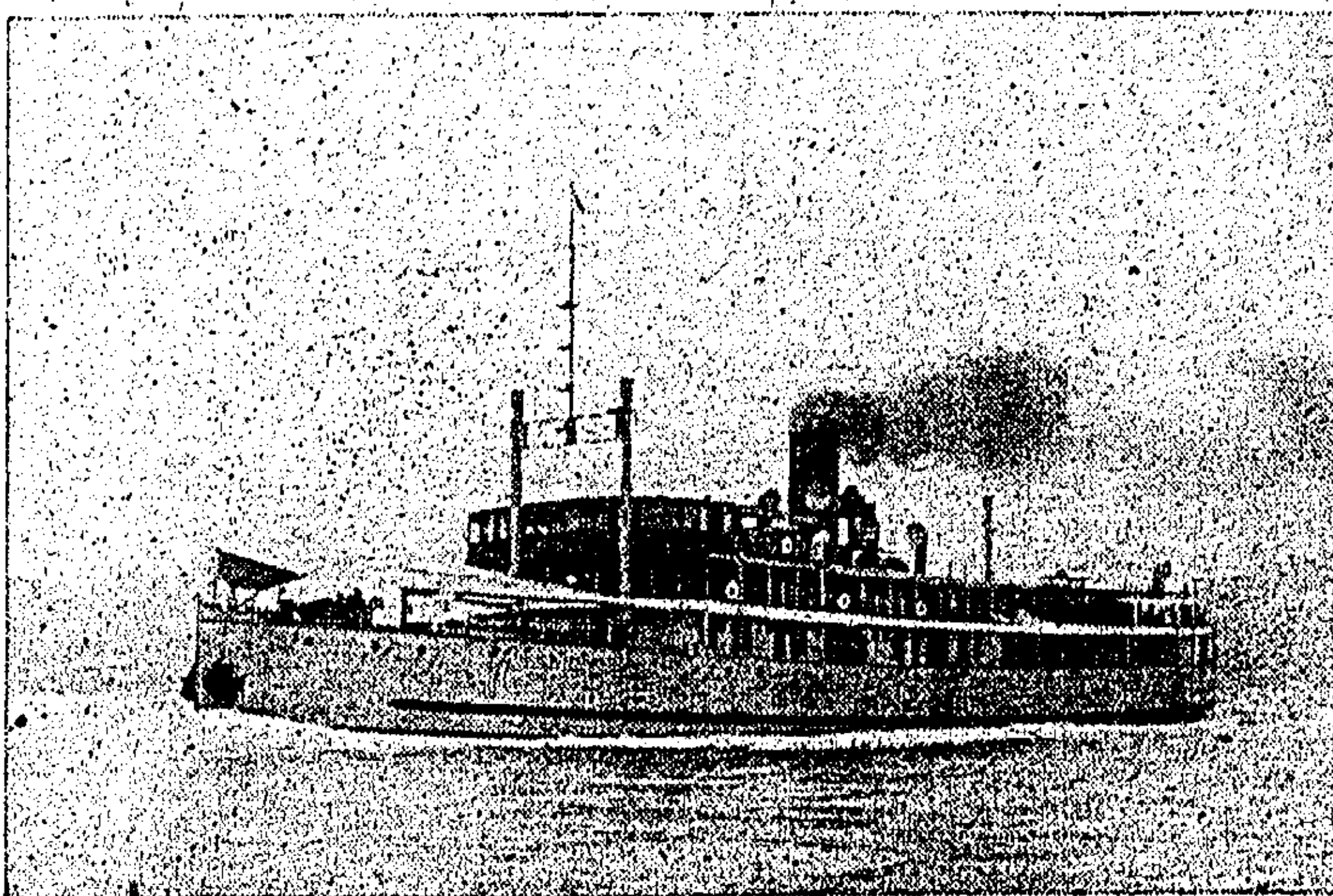
As an example I take a few points from a circular issued to ships' companies recently visiting a Spanish port. The water on shore is described therein as of excellent quality, perfectly safe to drink (many lives were lost, or constitutions ruined, in the old days for want of knowledge on this point, especially in the Levant). A warning is issued against eating local shell-fish, especially oysters and barnacles (perceches). Lists of hotels, bars, and tea rooms are given, with a warning against low-class eating and drinking houses, and especially against accepting free drinks therein, the local rum, or aguardiente, made from sugar cane, being "dangerous to health and reason." The address of a good bank is given, with a caution against the money exchanges, and finally those wanting entertainment are told about tramcar routes into the country, and about picture halls, and so forth. As the result of all this, and of the stamp of man now on the lower decks, the harpies that used to ply liberty men with bad drink and rob them of their belongings and of their self-respect now find themselves confronted with well-educated men (some of the boys join from secondary schools) taking an intelligent interest in the countries which they visit and well fitted to uphold the reputation of the nation and the Service which they represent. And, lest I should have conveyed an impression of softness and lack of virile force which marked the old Navy, let me add that most of the men have little use for the shore, excepting for the healthy and strenuous competitive games and sports, in which desperate keenness and powers of endurance are displayed.

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Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underigned, Goods remaining unclaimed after Tuesday the 27th. Inst., 1926 at noon will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the Friday, the 30th. inst. or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on Monday, the 26th. inst. at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

No fire insurance has been effected.

J. LIMAGE,

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Hongkong, 21st April, 1926.

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COAL CRISIS.

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be no extension.—British Wire-
less.

CONFERENCE WITH PREMIER,

London, April 22.

It is officially stated from No. 10
Downing Street, that after the
meeting with the Miners' Federa-
tion, a deputation from the Gen-
eral Council of the Trade Union
Congress waited on the Premier
and suggested that the Premier
should invite the owners' and
miners' representatives to meet
him with a view to the resumption
of negotiations. The Premier
stated that he would do so.

Accordingly, the Mining Assoc-
iation and Miners' Federation
have been invited to meet the Pre-
mier at eleven to-morrow morning.
—Reuter.

FILM FARCE.

FUNNY PICTURE AT
QUEEN'S.

As an antidote to the "blues,"
we can strongly recommend "What
Happened to Jones," now being
screened at the Queen's Theatre.

The film is similar in some re-
spects to "Charley's Aunt," and is
a scream from start to finish. It
deals with the complications which
followed when Jones, on the eve of
his wedding, got dragged into a
poker school and after escaping
from a raid by the police, found
his way, with one of his compari-
sons, into a ladies' reducing par-
lour. The subsequent happenings,
including Jones masquerading as
a Bishop, are extremely funny.
Reginald Denny, at one time in the
East with Bandman Companies,
takes the leading part, and his act-
ing is a big factor in the success
of the story.

"BOMB" RAID.

TWO MEN DISCHARGED.

As the result of a police raid
at 24, Yee Wo Street, Causeway
Bay, where what is alleged to be
a bomb was found, three Chinese
were arrested and appeared on
remand before Mr. R. E. Lindsell
at the Central Magistracy this
morning. The third defendant
was represented by Mr. A. E. Hall.
Sub-Inspector Field said he had
been instructed to offer no
evidence against the first two de-
fendants, and in respect of the
third man he would like a remand
until April 27th. He had made
certain enquiries which had
proved to be unsatisfactory, and
further investigations would have
to be made.

Mr. Lindsell accordingly dis-
charged the first two defendants,
and remarked that if no evidence
could be obtained against the
third man, he would be discharged
also.

Sub-Inspector Field replied that
that would be so if further en-
quiries proved unsuccessful.

Mr. Hall offered no objection to
the remand of the third defendant.

SAFEGUARDING INDUSTRIES.

HIGHER DUTIES
RECOMMENDED.

London, April 22.

The report of the Board of Trade
Committee of Inquiry into the
effect of the Safeguarding of In-
dustries Act on the development of
the industries manufacturing
goods covered by the schedule of
the Act, recommends, *inter alia*, an
increase of the duty on optical
glass and instruments from 35 1/3
to 50 per cent. *ad valorem*, and the
raising from 25 to 75 per cent. the
proportion of the value of goods
manufactured in and consigned
from within the Empire which are
the result of Empire labour. The
existing *ad valorem* duty of 35 1/3
per cent. on are lamps and carbons
should be replaced by a specific
duty of one shilling per lb.—Reuter.

CALCUTTA CONFLICT.

MORE KILLED AND INJURED.

Calcutta, April 22.

Following a conflict between the
police and Mohammedans two Mo-
hammedans were killed and 13 in-
jured.—Reuter.

RUSSIA AND BALTIC STATES.

NEUTRALITY AGREEMENT
WANTED.

Riga, April 22.

The Lithuanian Foreign Minister
has resigned owing to his col-
leagues not endorsing his action in
carrying on separate negotiations
for a Russo-Lithuanian neutrality
agreement.

The Acting Foreign Minister has
stated that the Soviet Government
suggested that all the Baltic States
should enter a guarantee pact
containing a neutrality clause.
The Baltic governments consented
to negotiate but emphasised that
they could not agree to any stipu-
lation contradicting the statutes of
the League of Nations, and there
could be no question of anything
but a Treaty between Russia on
one side and the whole of the Baltic
States on the other.—Reuter.

THE BUDGET.

TO BE INTRODUCED ON
MONDAY.

London, April 22.

The Budget will be introduced
in the House of Commons by the
Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr.
Winston Churchill, on Monday
next, April 26.—Reuter.

U. S. BANK RATE.

REDUCTION BY FEDERAL
RESERVE.

New York, April 22.

The Federal Reserve re-discount
rate has been reduced from
four to 3 1/2 per cent.—
Reuter's American Service.

RUBBER PRICES.

HOW AMERICA IS AFFECTED.

New York, April 22.

The Department of Commerce
has announced that American rub-
ber manufacturers paid in excess,
approximately, \$14,000,000 in
March on crude rubber imports,
owing to the differences between
spot prices and the high prices es-
tablished through the British
Government's restriction policy.
Although the market price of rub-
ber had dropped from 75 to 59
cents per pound, Americans had
been unable to profit thereby owing
to the time required for transport
from the distant producing coun-
tries. Crude rubber imports up to
the end of March were 94,421,000
pounds, at a cost of \$75,589,000.
The Department does not antici-
pate a decrease in rubber prices
within the next few months.
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SHIPPING NEWS.

VESSELS WITHIN CALL.

At noon, the following vessels
were expected to be in wireless
communication with Hongkong
to-day:

President Jefferson, Tilawa,
Saarbrücken, President Hayes,
Changte, Cheribon Maru, City of
Valencia, Haining, Hozan Maru,
Amboise, Allipore, President Mc-
Kinley, Batavia Maru, Tjisondari,
Empress of Asia, Mishima Maru,
Laisang, President Pierce, Talma.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Manila	Pres. Pierce	April 23.
Straits	Laisang	April 23.
Shanghai	Sinking	April 23.
Japan	Hakusan Maru	April 23.
Shanghai	Soochow	April 24.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan, and Shang- hai	Pres. Jefferson	April 25.
Europe via Negapatam (Papers only London 25th March)	Saarbrücken	April 25.
Amoy	Tilawa	April 25.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shang- hai	Pres. Hayes	April 26.
Straits	Gambhira	April 26.
Manila	Emp. of Asia	April 27.
Straits	Suisang	April 27.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shang- hai	Pres. Taft	April 29.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date.
Amoy	Talma	Fri., April 23, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Hakusan Maru	Sat., Apr. 24, Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles 23rd May.)
Hohow	Taming	Sat., Apr. 24, 8.40 a.m.
Japan	Anjo Maru	Sat., Apr. 24, 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong	Tonkin	Sat., Apr. 24, 12.20 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via San Francisco (letters and postcards specially supple- mented "Via Siberia" only)	Pres. Pierce	Sat., April 24, Parcels Noon Registration 2.45 p.m. Letters 3.30 p.m. (Due San Francisco 19th May.)
Bangkok	Kwelyang	Sat., Apr. 24, 2.30 p.m.
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